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The present invention relates to a liquid-crystalline medium, to the use thereof for electro-optical purposes, and to displays containing this  
5 medium.

Liquid crystals are used principally as dielectrics in display devices, since  
the optical properties of such substances can be modified by an applied  
voltage. Electro-optical devices based on liquid crystals are extremely well  
10 known to the person skilled in the art and can be based on various effects.  
Examples of such devices are cells having dynamic scattering, DAP  
(deformation of aligned phases) cells, guest/host cells, TN cells having a  
twisted nematic structure, STN (supertwisted nematic) cells, SBE (super-  
15 birefringence effect) cells and OMI (optical mode interference) cells. The  
commonest display devices are based on the Schadt-Helfrich effect and  
have a twisted nematic structure.

The liquid-crystal materials must have good chemical and thermal stability  
and good stability to electric fields and electromagnetic radiation. Further-  
20 more, the liquid-crystal materials should have low viscosity and produce  
short addressing times, low threshold voltages and high contrast in the  
cells.

They should furthermore have a suitable mesophase, for example a  
25 nematic or cholesteric mesophase for the above-mentioned cells, at the  
usual operating temperatures, i.e. in the broadest possible range above  
and below room temperature. Since liquid crystals are generally used as  
mixtures of a plurality of components, it is important that the components  
are readily miscible with one another. Further properties, such as the  
30 electrical conductivity, the dielectric anisotropy and the optical anisotropy,  
have to satisfy various requirements depending on the cell type and area  
of application. For example, materials for cells having a twisted nematic  
structure should have positive dielectric anisotropy and low electrical con-  
ductivity.

For example, for matrix liquid-crystal displays with integrated non-linear elements for switching individual pixels (MLC displays), media having large positive dielectric anisotropy, broad nematic phases, relatively low birefringence, very high specific resistance, good UV and temperature stability and lower vapour pressure are desired.

Matrix liquid-crystal displays of this type are known. Non-linear elements which can be used for individual switching of the individual pixels are, for example, active elements (i.e. transistors). The term "active matrix" is then used, where a distinction can be made between two types:

1. MOS (metal oxide semiconductor) or other diodes on a silicon wafer as substrate.
- 15 2. Thin-film transistors (TFTs) on a glass plate as substrate.

The use of single-crystal silicon as substrate material restricts the display size, since even modular assembly of various part-displays results in problems at the joints.

In the case of the more promising type 2, which is preferred, the electro-optical effect used is usually the TN effect. A distinction is made between two technologies: TFTs comprising compound semiconductors, such as, for example, CdSe, or TFTs based on polycrystalline or amorphous silicon.

25 Intensive work is being carried out worldwide on the latter technology.

The TFT matrix is applied to the inside of one glass plate of the display, while the other glass plate carries the transparent counterelectrode on its inside. Compared with the size of the pixel electrode, the TFT is very small and has virtually no adverse effect on the image. This technology can also be extended to fully colour-capable displays, in which a mosaic of red, green and blue filters is arranged in such a way that a filter element is opposite each switchable pixel.

35 The TFT displays usually operate as TN cells with crossed polarisers in transmission and are back-lit.

The term MLC displays here covers any matrix display with integrated non-linear elements, i.e., besides the active matrix, also displays with passive elements, such as varistors or diodes (MIM = metal-insulator-metal).

5       MLC displays of this type are particularly suitable for TV applications (for example pocket TVs) or for high-information displays for computer applications (laptops) and in automobile or aircraft construction. Besides problems regarding the angle dependence of the contrast and the response times, difficulties also arise in MLC displays due to insufficiently high specific resistance of the liquid-crystal mixtures [TOGASHI, S.,  
10      SEKOGUCHI, K., TANABE, H., YAMAMOTO, E., SORIMACHI, K.,  
       TAJIMA, E., WATANABE, H., SHIMIZU, H., Proc. Eurodisplay 84, Sept.  
       1984: A 210-288 Matrix LCD Controlled by Double Stage Diode Rings,  
15      p. 141 ff, Paris; STROMER, M., Proc. Eurodisplay 84, Sept. 1984: Design  
       of Thin Film Transistors for Matrix Addressing of Television Liquid Crystal  
       Displays, p. 145 ff, Paris]. With decreasing resistance, the contrast of an  
       MLC display deteriorates, and the problem of after-image elimination may  
20      occur. Since the specific resistance of the liquid-crystal mixture generally  
       drops over the life of an MLC display owing to interaction with the interior  
       surfaces of the display, a high (initial) resistance is very important in order  
       to obtain acceptable service lives. In particular in the case of low-volt mixtures,  
       it was hitherto impossible to achieve very high specific resistance values. It is furthermore important that the specific resistance exhibits the  
25      smallest possible increase with increasing temperature and after heating  
       and/or UV exposure. The low-temperature properties of the mixtures from  
       the prior art are also particularly disadvantageous. It is demanded that no  
       crystallisation and/or smectic phases occur, even at low temperatures, and  
       the temperature dependence of the viscosity is as low as possible. The  
30      MLC displays from the prior art thus do not meet today's requirements.

There thus continues to be a great demand for MLC displays having very high specific resistance at the same time as a large working-temperature range, short response times even at low temperatures and low threshold voltage which do not have these disadvantages, or only do so to a reduced extent.

In TN (Schadt-Helfrich) cells, media are desired which facilitate the following advantages in the cells:

- 5      - extended nematic phase range (in particular down to low temperatures)
- stable on storage, even at extremely low temperatures
- the ability to switch at extremely low temperatures (outdoor use, auto-
- 10     - mobiles, avionics)
- increased resistance to UV radiation (longer service life).

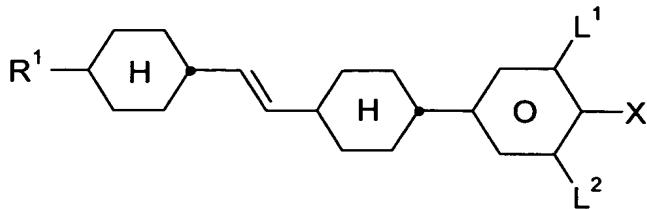
15     The media available from the prior art do not allow these advantages to be achieved while simultaneously retaining the other parameters.

20     In the case of supertwisted (STN) cells, media are desired which enable greater multiplexability and/or lower threshold voltages and/or broader nematic phase ranges (in particular at low temperatures). To this end, a further widening of the available parameter latitude (clearing point, smectic-nematic transition or melting point, viscosity, dielectric parameters, elastic parameters) is urgently desired.

25     The invention has the object of providing media, in particular for MLC, TN or STN displays of this type, which do not have the above-mentioned disadvantages or only do so to a reduced extent, and preferably simultaneously have very high specific resistance values and low threshold voltages.

30     It has now been found that this object can be achieved if media according to the invention are used in displays.

The invention thus relates to a liquid-crystalline medium based on a mixture of polar compounds, characterised in that it comprises one or more compounds of the formula I



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in which

R<sup>1</sup> is a halogenated or unsubstituted alkyl or alkoxy radical having from 1 to 15 carbon atoms, where, in addition, one or more CH<sub>2</sub> groups in these radicals may each, independently of one another, be replaced by -C=C-, -CH=CH-, -O-, -CO-O- or -O-CO- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another,

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X is F, Cl, CN, SF<sub>5</sub>, a halogenated alkyl radical, a halogenated alkenyl radical, a halogenated alkoxy radical or a halogenated alkenyloxy radical having up to 6 carbon atoms, and

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L<sup>1</sup> and L<sup>2</sup> are each, independently of one another, H or F.

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The mixtures according to the invention based on a mixture of polar compounds of positive dielectric anisotropy are preferably suitable for monitor and TV applications since they are distinguished by low rotational viscosities ( $\gamma_1$ ) and high  $\Delta n$  values. The mixtures according to the invention are particularly suitable for TN-TFT monitor applications and in applications with 5 V drivers or with higher-voltage drivers. The broad nematic phase of the compounds of the formula I and the very good  $\gamma_1/T_{NI}$  ratio make the mixtures according to the invention particularly suitable for TN-TFT and IPS applications.

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The compounds of the formula I have a broad range of applications and some of them are known from the laid-open specifications

EP 0 727 406 A1, WO 95/30723 and EP 0 571 916 A1. Depending on the choice of substituents, these compounds can serve as base materials of which liquid-crystalline media are predominantly composed; however, it is also possible to add compounds of the formula I to liquid-crystalline base

materials from other classes of compound in order, for example, to modify the dielectric and/or optical anisotropy of a dielectric of this type and/or in order to optimise its threshold voltage and/or its viscosity.

5 In the pure state, the compounds of the formula I are colourless and form liquid-crystalline mesophases in a temperature range which is favourably located for electro-optical use. They are stable chemically, thermally and to light.

10 X in the compounds of the formula I is preferably F, Cl, CN, NCS, CF<sub>3</sub>, SF<sub>5</sub>, CF<sub>2</sub>H, OCF<sub>3</sub>, OCF<sub>2</sub>H, OCFHCF<sub>3</sub>, OCFHCFH<sub>2</sub>, OCFHCF<sub>2</sub>H, OCF<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, OCF<sub>2</sub>CFH<sub>2</sub>, OCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>H, OCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>H, OCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>CFH<sub>2</sub>, OCFHCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, OCFHCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>H, OCFHCFHCF<sub>3</sub>, OCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, OCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, OCF<sub>2</sub>CFHCFH<sub>2</sub>, OCF<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>H, OCFHCF<sub>2</sub>CFH<sub>2</sub>, OCFHCFHCF<sub>2</sub>H, OCFHCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, OCH<sub>2</sub>CFHCF<sub>3</sub>, OCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>H, OCF<sub>2</sub>CFHCH<sub>3</sub>, OCF<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CFH<sub>2</sub>, OCFHCF<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, OCFHCFHCFH<sub>2</sub>, OCFHCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, OCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>CFH<sub>2</sub>, OCH<sub>2</sub>CFHCF<sub>2</sub>H, OCF<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, OCFHCFHCH<sub>3</sub>, OCFHCH<sub>2</sub>CFH<sub>2</sub>, OCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, OCH<sub>2</sub>CFHCFH<sub>2</sub>, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>H, OCHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, OCH<sub>2</sub>CFHCH<sub>3</sub>, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>H, OCCIFCF<sub>3</sub>, OCCIFCCIF<sub>2</sub>, OCCIFCFH<sub>2</sub>, OCFHCCl<sub>2</sub>F, OCCIFCF<sub>2</sub>H, OCCIFCCIF<sub>2</sub>, OCF<sub>2</sub>CClH<sub>2</sub>, OCF<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub>H, OCF<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub>F, OCF<sub>2</sub>CClF, OCF<sub>2</sub>CClF<sub>2</sub>, OCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>CClF<sub>2</sub>, OCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub>F, OCCIFCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, OCCIFCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>H, OCCIFCF<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub>F, OCCIFCFHCF<sub>3</sub>, OCCIFCCIFCF<sub>3</sub>, OCCl<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, OCCIHCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, OCCIFCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, OCCIFCCIFCF<sub>3</sub>, OCF<sub>2</sub>CClFCF<sub>2</sub>H, OCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub>F, OCCIFCF<sub>2</sub>CFH<sub>2</sub>, OCFHCF<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub>F, OCCIFCFHCF<sub>2</sub>H, OCCIFCCIFCF<sub>2</sub>H, OCFHCFHCCl<sub>2</sub>F, OCCIFCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, OCFHCCl<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, OCCl<sub>2</sub>CFHCF<sub>3</sub>, OCH<sub>2</sub>CClFCF<sub>3</sub>, OCCl<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>CClF, OCF<sub>2</sub>CClFCF<sub>3</sub>, OCF<sub>2</sub>CClFCF<sub>2</sub>H, OCF<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub>CFH<sub>2</sub>, OCF<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub>F, OCCIFCF<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, OCFHCF<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub>H, OCCIFCCIFCFH<sub>2</sub>, OCFHCFHCCl<sub>2</sub>F, OCCIFCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, OCFHCH<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub>H, OCCIHCFHCCl<sub>2</sub>H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub>H, OCCl<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>H, OCF<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>H, CH=CF<sub>2</sub>, CF=CF<sub>2</sub>, OCH=CF<sub>2</sub>,

OCF=CF<sub>2</sub>, CH=CHF, OCH=CHF, CF=CHF, OCF=CHF, in particular F, Cl, CN, NCS, CF<sub>3</sub>, SF<sub>5</sub>, CF<sub>2</sub>H, OCF<sub>3</sub>, OCF<sub>2</sub>H, OCFHCF<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>5</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>7</sub>, OCFHCFH<sub>2</sub>, OCFHCF<sub>2</sub>H, OCF<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, OCF<sub>2</sub>CFH<sub>2</sub>, OCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>H, OCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>H, OCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>CFH<sub>2</sub>, OCFHCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, OCFHCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>H, OCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> or OCF<sub>2</sub>CHFCF<sub>3</sub>.

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In the compounds of the formula I, X is preferably F or OCF<sub>3</sub>. L<sup>1</sup> and L<sup>2</sup> are preferably H. R<sup>1</sup> is preferably alkenyl.

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If R<sup>1</sup> in the formula I is an alkyl radical and/or an alkoxy radical, this may be straight-chain or branched. It is preferably straight-chain, has 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 carbon atoms and accordingly is preferably ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, hexyl, heptyl, ethoxy, propoxy, butoxy, pentoxy, hexyloxy or heptyloxy, furthermore methyl, octyl, nonyl, decyl, undecyl, dodecyl, tridecyl, tetradecyl, pentadecyl, methoxy, octyloxy, nonyloxy, decyloxy, undecyloxy, dodecyloxy, tridecyloxy or tetradecyloxy.

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Oxaalkyl is preferably straight-chain 2-oxapropyl (= methoxymethyl), 2- (= ethoxymethyl) or 3-oxabutyl (= 2-methoxyethyl), 2-, 3- or 4-oxapentyl, 2-, 3-, 4- or 5-oxahexyl, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5- or 6-oxaheptyl, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6- or 7-oxaoctyl, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7- or 8-oxanonyl, or 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-, 8- or 9-oxadecyl.

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If R<sup>1</sup> is an alkyl radical in which one CH<sub>2</sub> group has been replaced by -CH=CH-, this may be straight-chain or branched. It is preferably straight-chain and has from 2 to 10 carbon atoms. Accordingly, it is in particular vinyl, prop-1- or -2-enyl, but-1-, -2- or -3-enyl, pent-1-, -2-, -3- or -4-enyl, hex-1-, -2-, -3-, -4- or -5-enyl, hept-1-, -2-, -3-, -4-, -5- or -6-enyl, oct-1-, -2-, -3-, -4-, -5-, -6- or -7-enyl, non-1-, -2-, -3-, -4-, -5-, -6-, -7- or -8-enyl, or dec-1-, -2-, -3-, -4-, -5-, -6-, -7-, -8- or -9-enyl. R<sup>1</sup> is preferably CH<sub>2</sub>=CH, CH<sub>3</sub>CH=CH, CH<sub>2</sub>=CHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> or CH<sub>3</sub>CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>.

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If R<sup>1</sup> is an alkyl radical in which one CH<sub>2</sub> group has been replaced by -O- and one has been replaced by -CO-, these are preferably adjacent. These thus contain an acyloxy group -CO-O- or an oxycarbonyl group -O-CO-. These are preferably straight-chain and have from 2 to 6 carbon atoms.

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Accordingly, they are in particular acetoxy, propionyloxy, butyryloxy, pentanoyloxy, hexanoyloxy, acetoxymethyl, propionyloxymethyl, butyryloxy-

methyl, pentanoyloxymethyl, 2-acetoxyethyl, 2-propionyloxyethyl,

2-butyryloxyethyl, 3-acetoxypropyl, 3-propionyloxypropyl, 4-acetoxybutyl,

5 methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, propoxycarbonyl, butoxycarbonyl, pentoxycarbonyl, methoxycarbonylmethyl, ethoxycarbonylmethyl, propoxycarbonylmethyl, butoxycarbonylmethyl, 2-(methoxycarbonyl)ethyl, 2-(ethoxycarbonyl)ethyl, 2-(propoxycarbonyl)ethyl, 3-(methoxycarbonyl)propyl, 3-(ethoxycarbonyl)propyl or 4-(methoxycarbonyl)butyl.

10 If R<sup>1</sup> is an alkyl radical in which one CH<sub>2</sub> group has been replaced by unsubstituted or substituted -CH=CH- and an adjacent CH<sub>2</sub> group has been replaced by CO or CO-O or O-CO, this may be straight-chain or branched. It is preferably straight-chain and has from 4 to 12 carbon atoms. Accordingly, it is in particular acryloyloxyethyl, 2-acryloyloxyethyl, 3-acryloyloxypropyl, 4-acryloyloxybutyl, 5-acryloyloxypentyl, 6-acryloyloxyhexyl, 7-acryloyloxyheptyl, 8-acryloyloxyoctyl, 9-acryloyloxynonyl, 15 10-acryloyloxydecyl, methacryloyloxyethyl, 2-methacryloyloxyethyl, 3-methacryloyloxypropyl, 4-methacryloyloxybutyl, 5-methacryloyloxypentyl, 20 6-methacryloyloxyhexyl, 7-methacryloyloxyheptyl, 8-methacryloyloxyoctyl or 9-methacryloyloxynonyl.

If R<sup>1</sup> is an alkyl or alkenyl radical which is monosubstituted by CN or CF<sub>3</sub>, this radical is preferably straight-chain. The substitution by CN or CF<sub>3</sub> is in any desired position.

25 If R<sup>1</sup> is an alkyl or alkenyl radical which is at least monosubstituted by halogen, this radical is preferably straight-chain, and halogen is preferably F or Cl. In the case of polysubstitution, halogen is preferably F. The resultant radicals also include perfluorinated radicals. In the case of monosubstitution, the fluorine or chlorine substituent may be in any desired position, but is preferably in the  $\omega$ -position.

30 Compounds containing branched wing groups R<sup>1</sup> may occasionally be of importance owing to better solubility in the conventional liquid-crystalline base materials, but in particular as chiral dopants if they are optically

active. Smectic compounds of this type are suitable as components of ferroelectric materials.

Branched groups of this type generally contain not more than one chain branch. Preferred branched radicals R<sup>1</sup> are isopropyl, 2-butyl (= 1-methylpropyl), isobutyl (= 2-methylpropyl), 2-methylbutyl, isopentyl (= 3-methylbutyl), 2-methylpentyl, 3-methylpentyl, 2-ethylhexyl, 2-propylpentyl, iso-propoxy, 2-methylpropoxy, 2-methylbutoxy, 3-methylbutoxy, 2-methyl-pentoxy, 3-methylpentoxy, 2-ethylhexyloxy, 1-methylhexyloxy and 10 1-methylheptyloxy.

If R<sup>1</sup> is an alkyl radical in which two or more CH<sub>2</sub> groups have been replaced by -O- and/or -CO-O-, this may be straight-chain or branched. It is preferably branched and has from 3 to 12 carbon atoms. Accordingly, it 15 is in particular biscarboxymethyl, 2,2-biscarboxyethyl, 3,3-biscarboxy- propyl, 4,4-biscarboxybutyl, 5,5-biscarboxypentyl, 6,6-biscarboxyhexyl, 7,7- biscarboxyheptyl, 8,8-biscarboxyoctyl, 9,9-biscarboxynonyl, 10,10-bis- carboxydecyl, bis(methoxycarbonyl)methyl, 2,2-bis(methoxycarbonyl)ethyl, 3,3-bis(methoxycarbonyl)propyl, 4,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)butyl, 5,5- 20 bis(methoxycarbonyl)pentyl, 6,6-bis(methoxycarbonyl)hexyl, 7,7-bis(meth- oxycarbonyl)heptyl, 8,8-bis(methoxycarbonyl)octyl, bis(ethoxycar- bonyl)methyl, 2,2-bis(ethoxycarbonyl)ethyl, 3,3-bis(ethoxycarbonyl)propyl, 4,4-bis(ethoxycarbonyl)butyl or 5,5-bis(ethoxycarbonyl)pentyl.

25 The compounds of the formula I are prepared by methods known per se, as described in the literature (for example in the standard works, such as Houben-Weyl, Methoden der organischen Chemie [Methods of Organic Chemistry], Georg-Thieme-Verlag, Stuttgart), to be precise under reaction conditions which are known and suitable for the said reactions. Use can 30 also be made here of variants which are known per se, but are not mentioned here in greater detail. The compounds of the formula I can be pre- pared, for example, as described in WO 95/30723.

The invention also relates to electro-optical displays (in particular STN or 35 MLC displays having two plane-parallel outer plates, which, together with a frame, form a cell, integrated non-linear elements for switching individual

pixels on the outer plates, and a nematic liquid-crystal mixture of positive dielectric anisotropy and high specific resistance which is located in the cell) which contain media of this type, and to the use of these media for electro-optical purposes.

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The liquid-crystal mixtures according to the invention enable a significant widening of the available parameter latitude.

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The achievable combinations of clearing point, viscosity at low temperature, thermal and UV stability and dielectric anisotropy are far superior to previous materials from the prior art.

15 The requirement for a high clearing point, a nematic phase at low temperature and a high  $\Delta\epsilon$  has hitherto only been achieved to an inadequate extent. Although systems such as, for example, ZLI-3119 have a comparable clearing point and comparably favourable viscosities, they have, however, a  $\Delta\epsilon$  of only +3. Other mixture systems have comparable viscosities and  $\Delta\epsilon$  values, but only have clearing points in the region of 60°C.  
20 The liquid-crystal mixtures according to the invention, while retaining the nematic phase down to -20°C and preferably down to -30°C, particularly preferably down to -40°C, enable clearing points above 60°C, preferably above 65°C, particularly preferably above 70°C, simultaneously dielectric anisotropy values  $\Delta\epsilon$  of  $\geq 6$ , preferably  $\geq 8$ , and a high value for the specific resistance to be achieved, enabling excellent STN and MLC displays to be obtained. In particular, the mixtures are characterised by low operating voltages. The TN thresholds are generally below 2.0 V, preferably below 1.9 V, particularly preferably  $\leq 1.8$  V.  
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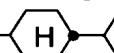
It goes without saying that, through a suitable choice of the components of the mixtures according to the invention, it is also possible for higher clearing points (for example above 110°C) to be achieved at higher threshold voltages or lower clearing points to be achieved at lower threshold voltages with retention of the other advantageous properties. At viscosities correspondingly increased only slightly, it is likewise possible to obtain mixtures having greater  $\Delta\epsilon$  and thus low thresholds. The MLC displays according to

the invention preferably operate at the first Gooch and Tarry transmission minimum [C.H. Gooch and H.A. Tarry, Electron. Lett. 10, 2-4, 1974; C.H. Gooch and H.A. Tarry, Appl. Phys., Vol. 8, 1575-1584, 1975], where, besides particularly favourable electro-optical properties, such as, for

5 example, high steepness of the characteristic line and low angle dependence of the contrast (German Patent 30 22 818), a lower dielectric anisotropy is sufficient at the same threshold voltage as in an analogous display at the second minimum. This enables significantly higher specific resistance values to be achieved using the mixtures according to the invention  
10 at the first minimum than in the case of mixtures comprising cyano compounds. Through a suitable choice of the individual components and their proportions by weight, the person skilled in the art is able to set the birefringence necessary for a pre-specified layer thickness of the MLC display using simple routine methods.

15 The flow viscosity  $\nu_{20}$  at 20°C is preferably < 60 mm<sup>2</sup>·s<sup>-1</sup>, particularly preferably < 50 mm<sup>2</sup>·s<sup>-1</sup>. The rotational viscosity  $\gamma_1$  at 20°C of the mixtures according to the invention is preferably < 120 mPa·s, particularly preferably < 100 mPa·s, very particularly preferably < 80 mPa·s. The nematic phase range is preferably at least 90°, in particular at least 100°. This range  
20 preferably extends at least from -20° to +80°.

A short response time is desired in liquid-crystal displays. This applies in particular to displays which are capable of video reproduction. For displays  
25 of this type, response times (total:  $t_{on} + t_{off}$ ) of at most 25 ms are required. The upper limit of the response time is determined by the image refresh frequency.

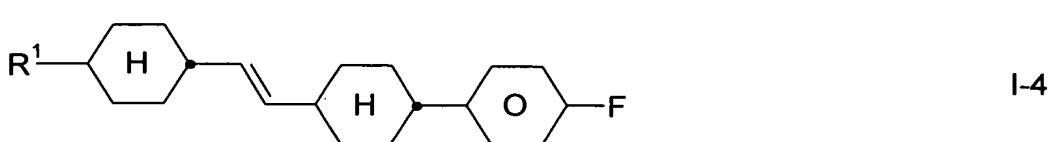
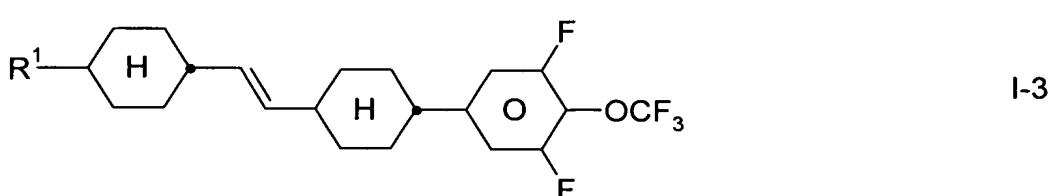
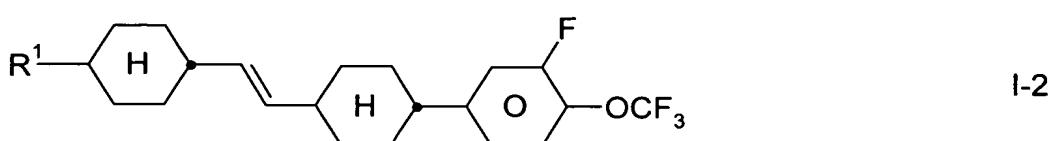
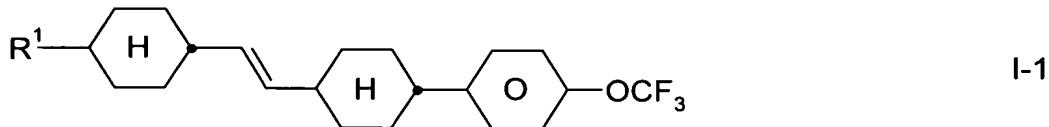
30 Measurements of the voltage holding ratio (HR) [S. Matsumoto et al., Liquid Crystals 5, 1320 (1989); K. Niwa et al., Proc. SID Conference, San Francisco, June 1984, p. 304 (1984); G. Weber et al., Liquid Crystals 5, 1381 (1989)] have shown that mixtures according to the invention comprising compounds of the formula I exhibit a significantly smaller decrease  
35 in the HR with increasing temperature than analogous mixtures comprising cyanophenylcyclohexanes of the formula R--O-CN or esters of

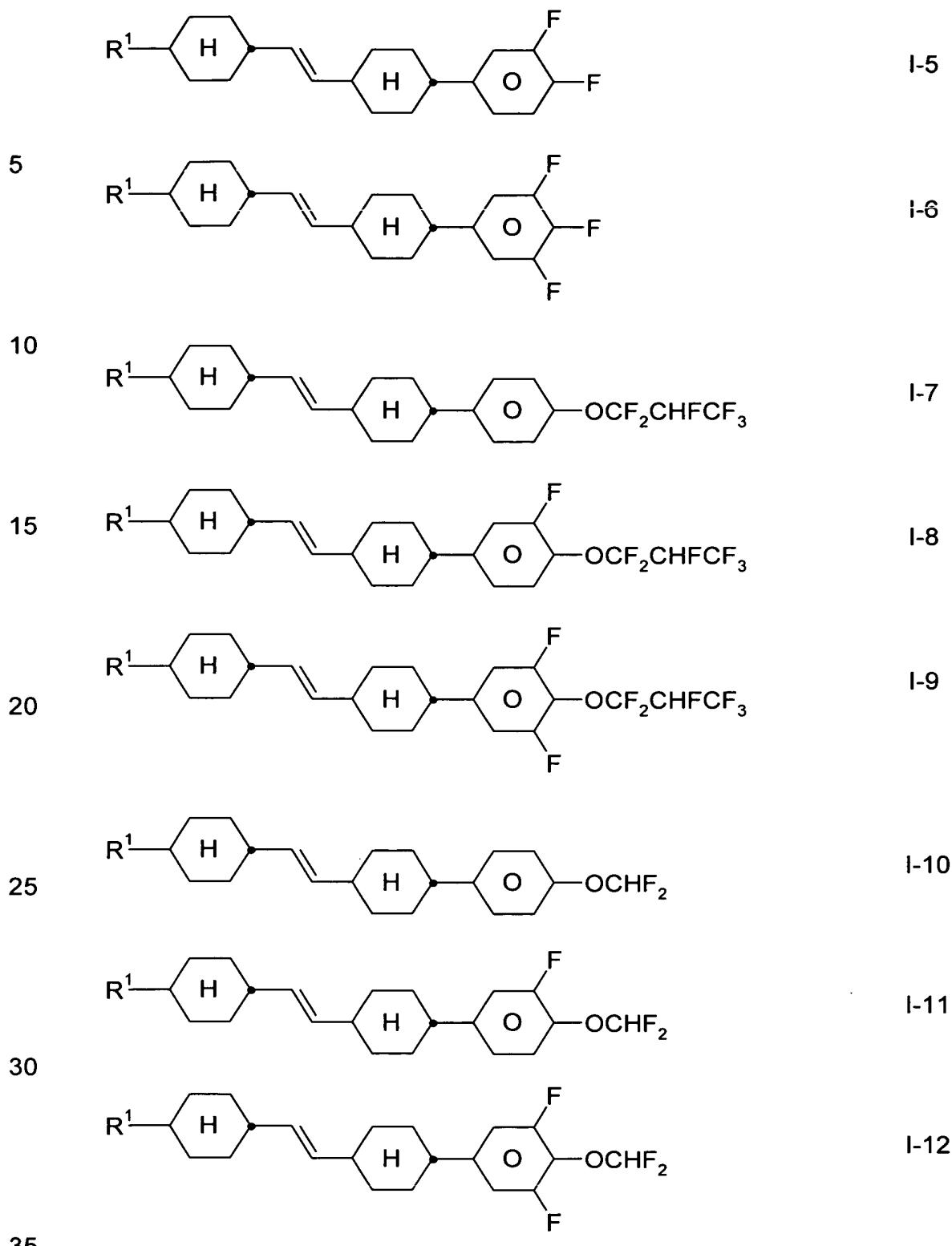
the formula  $R-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{O}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{F}-\text{CN}$  instead of the compounds of the formula I.

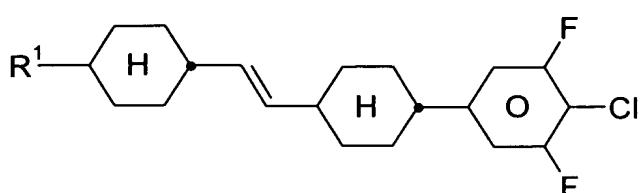
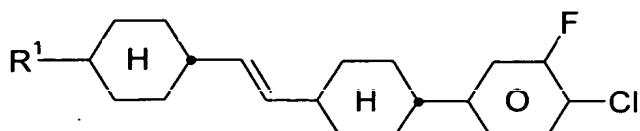
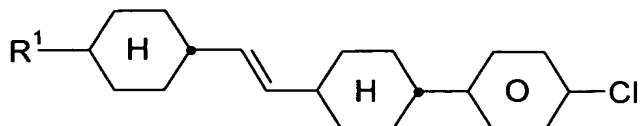
5      The UV stability of the mixtures according to the invention is also considerably better, i.e. they exhibit a significantly smaller decrease in the HR on exposure to UV.

10     The mixtures according to the invention preferably comprise little ( $\leq 10\%$  by weight) or no nitriles. The values for the holding ratio of the mixtures according to the invention are preferably  $> 98\%$ , in particular  $> 99\%$  at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ .

15     Particularly preferred compounds of the formula I are compounds of the formulae I-1 to I-15:







in which R<sup>1</sup> is as defined in the formula I.

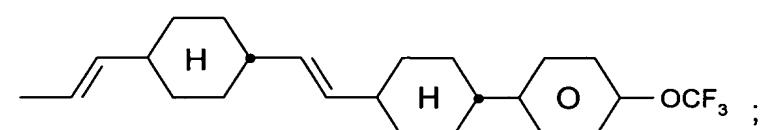
15 Of these preferred compounds, particular preference is given to those of the formulae I-1, I-2, I-3 and I-4, in particular those of the formulae I-1 and I-2.

20 R<sup>1</sup> in the compounds of the formulae I-1 to I-15 is preferably alkenyl, in particular 1-alkenyl or 3-alkenyl. R<sup>1</sup> is particularly preferably CH<sub>3</sub>CH=CH or CH=CH.

Preferred embodiments are indicated below:

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- The medium comprises one, two or more compounds of the formulae I-1 to I-15;
- The medium comprises the compound

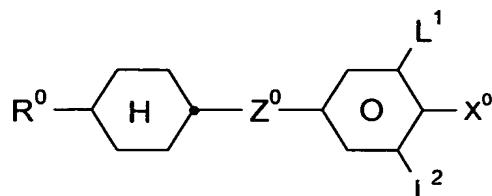


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- The medium preferably comprises one or more bicyclic compounds of the formula K

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K

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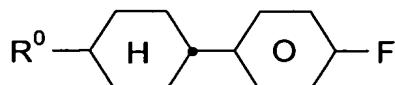
in which  $R^0$ ,  $X^0$ ,  $L^1$  and  $L^2$  are as defined above and  $Z^0$  is a single bond,  $-COO-$ ,  $-OOC-$ ,  $-OCF_2-$ ,  $C_2F_4-$ ,  $-CF_2O-$ ,  $-CF=CF-$ ,  $-C_2H_4-$ ,  $-(CH_2)_4-$ ,  $-OCH_2-$  or  $-CH_2-$ .

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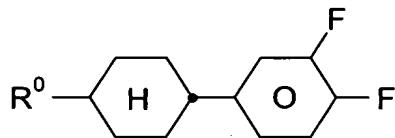
The proportion of compounds K in the mixture is 5-40%, preferably 5-30%, in particular 5-20%.

Particularly preferred bicyclic compounds are the compounds of the formulae K-1 to K-27

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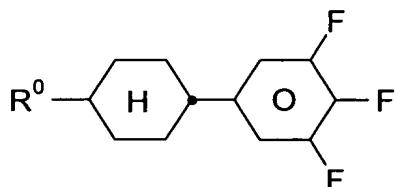


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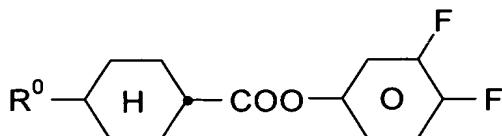
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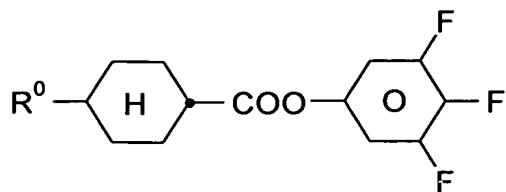
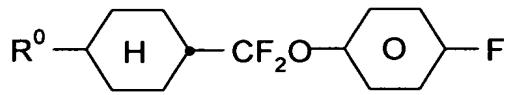
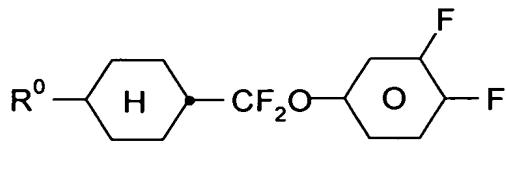
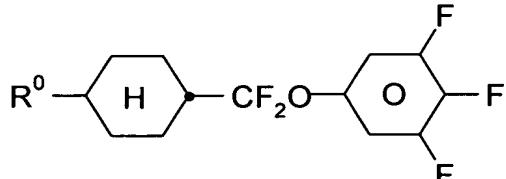
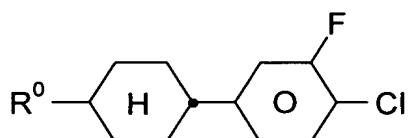
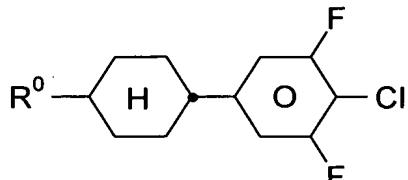
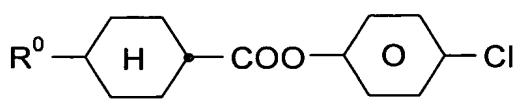


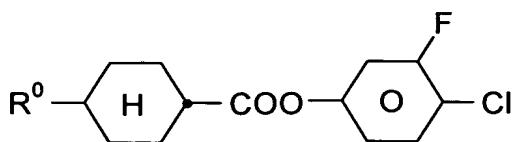
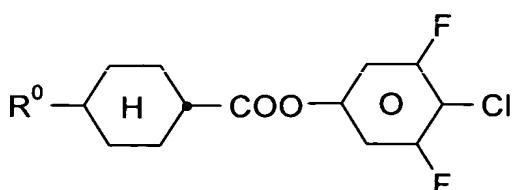
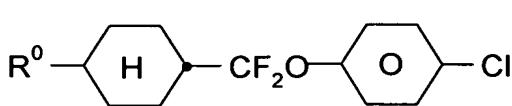
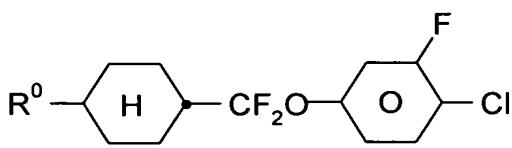
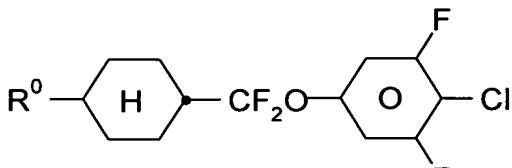
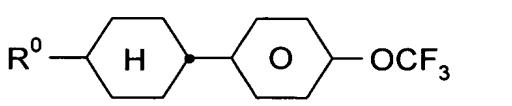
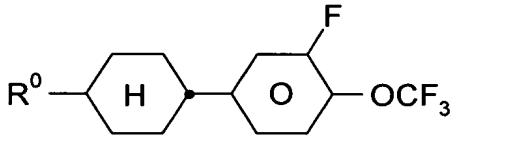
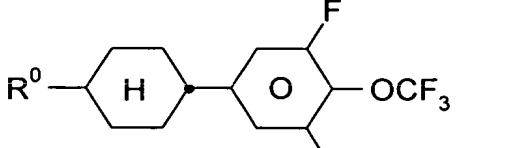
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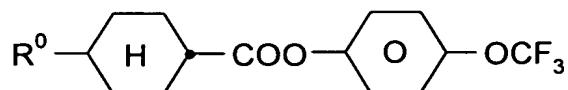
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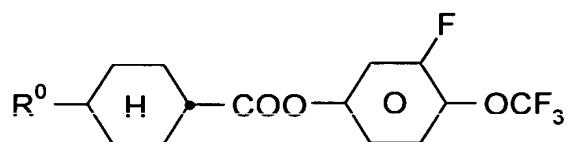
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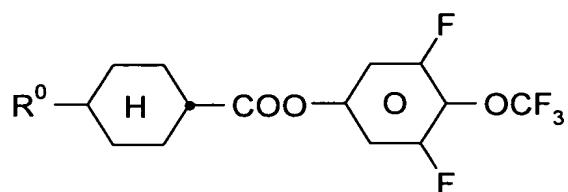
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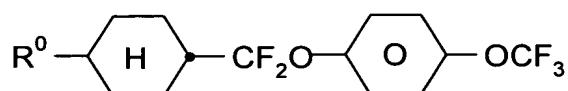
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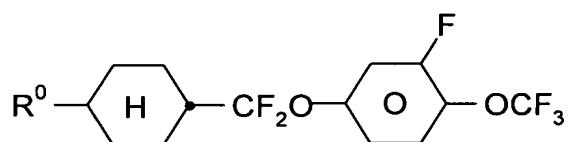
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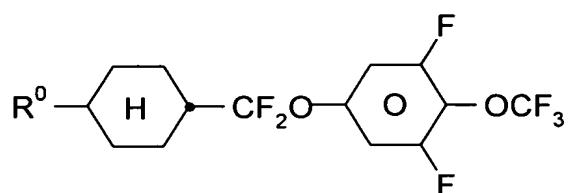
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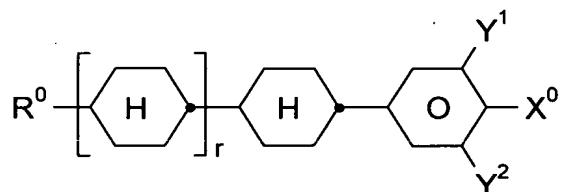
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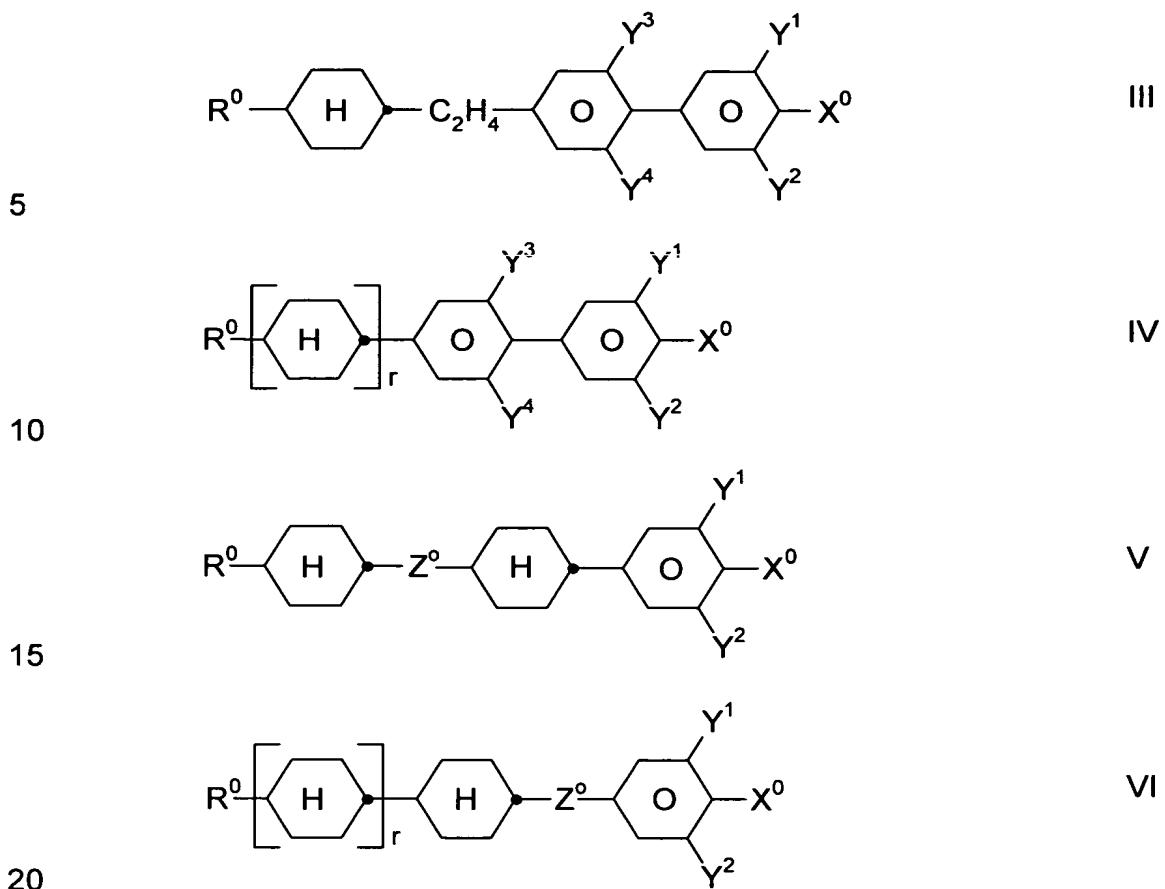
- The medium additionally comprises one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of the general formulae II to VI:

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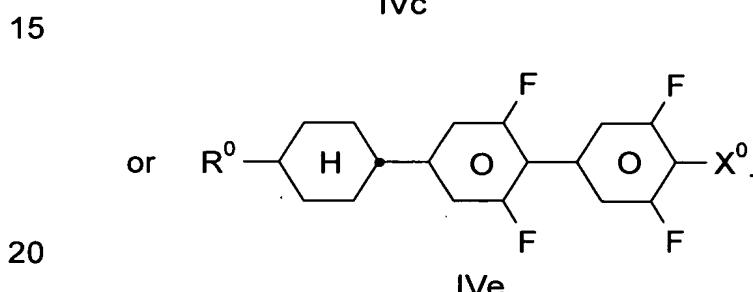
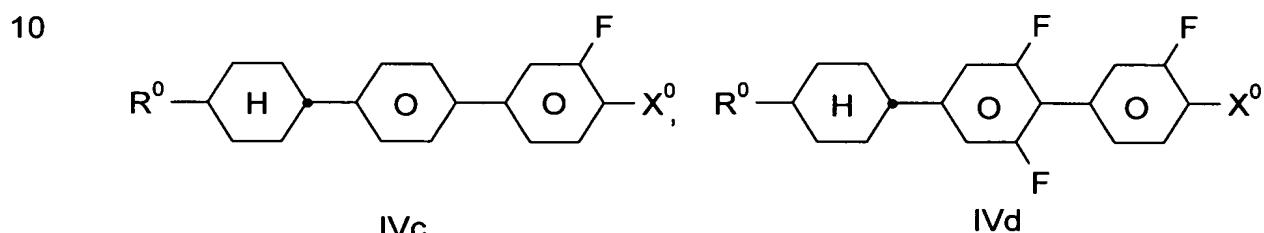
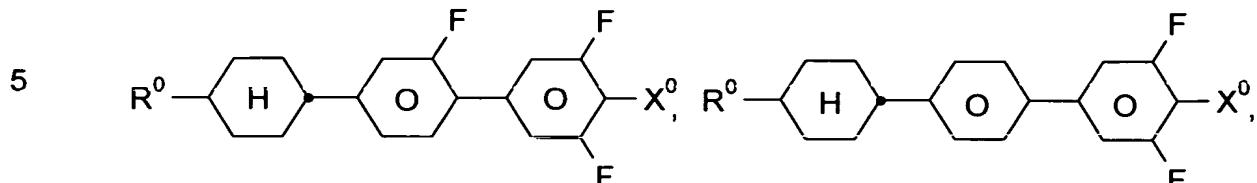
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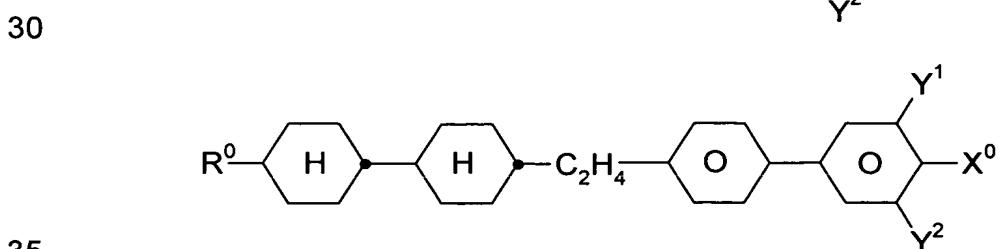
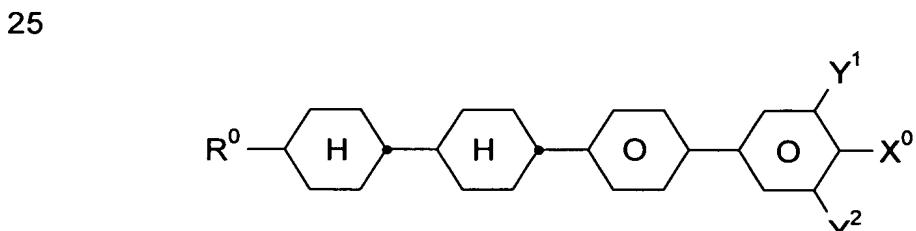
in which the individual radicals have the following meanings:

25	$R^0$	is n-alkyl, oxaalkyl, alkoxy, fluoroalkyl, alkenyloxy or alkenyl, each having up to 9 carbon atoms,
30	$X^0$	is F, Cl, halogenated alkyl, halogenated alkenyl, halogenated alkenyloxy or halogenated alkoxy having up to 6 carbon atoms,
35	$Z^0$	is $-C_2F_4-$ , $-CF=CF-$ , $-C_2H_4-$ , $-(CH_2)_4-$ , $-OCH_2-$ , $-CH_2O-$ , $-CF_2O-$ or $-OCF_2-$ ,
	$Y^1$ to $Y^4$	are each, independently of one another, H or F,
	$r$	is 0 or 1.

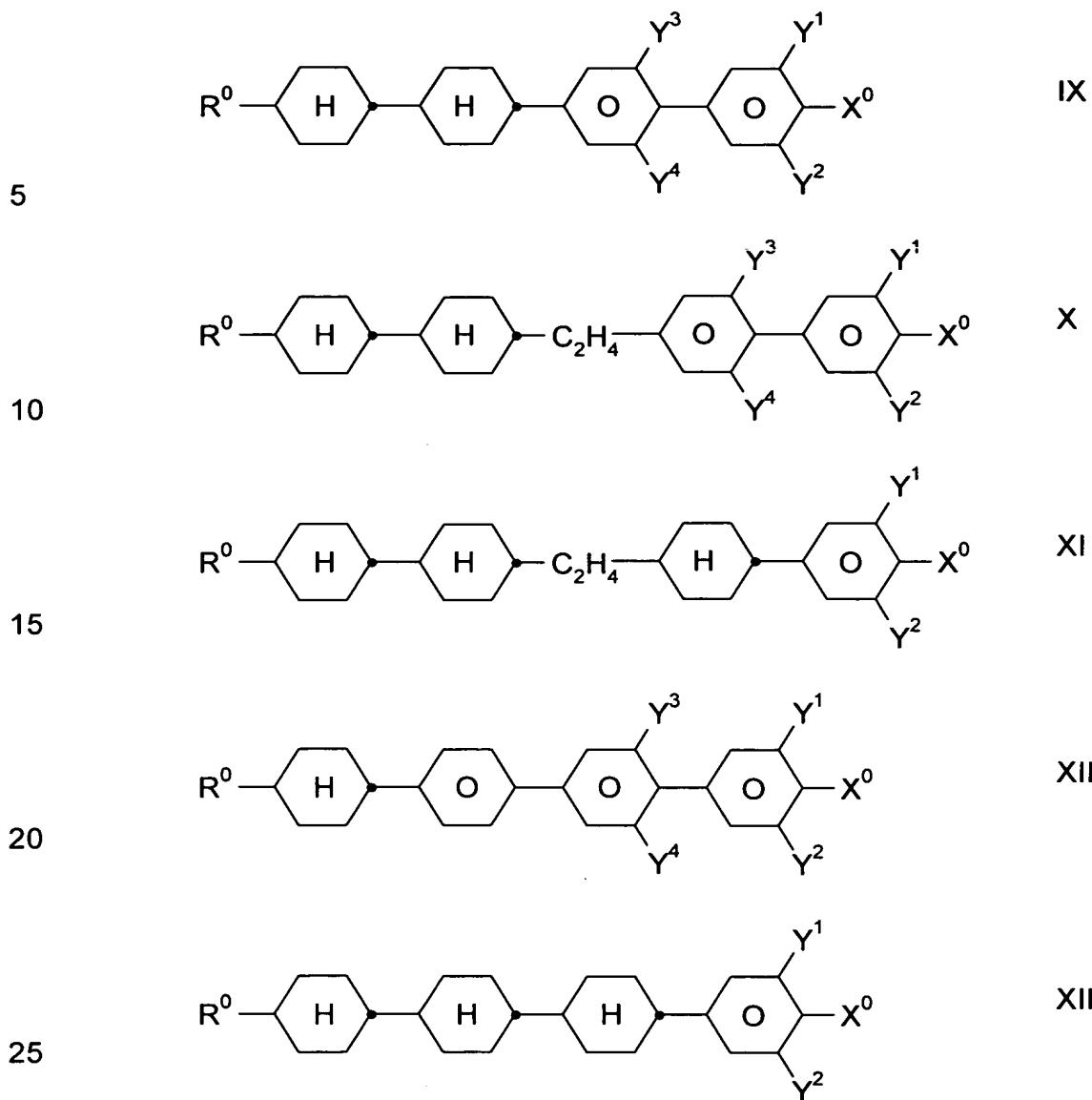
The compound of the formula IV is preferably



- The medium additionally comprises one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of the general formulae VII to XIII:

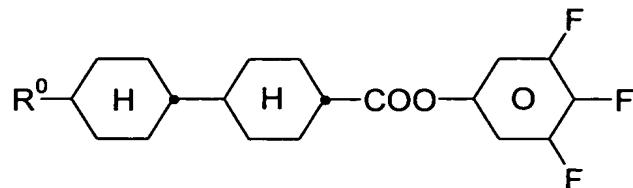


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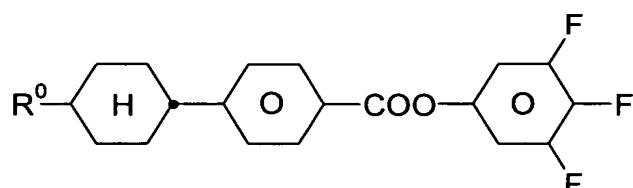


in which R<sup>0</sup>, X<sup>0</sup> and Y<sup>1-4</sup> are each, independently of one another, as defined in Claim 3. X<sup>0</sup> is preferably F, Cl, CF<sub>3</sub>, OCF<sub>3</sub> or OCHF<sub>2</sub>. R<sup>0</sup> is preferably alkyl, oxaalkyl, fluoroalkyl or alkenyl, each having up to 6 carbon atoms.

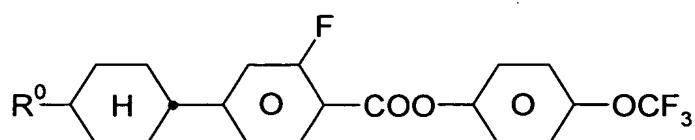
- The medium additionally comprises one or more compounds of the formulae E-a to E-d



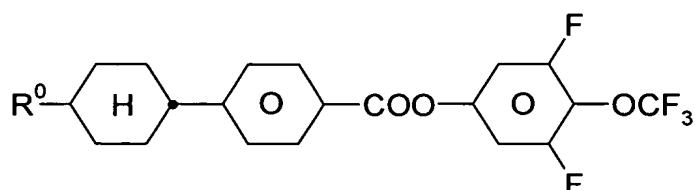
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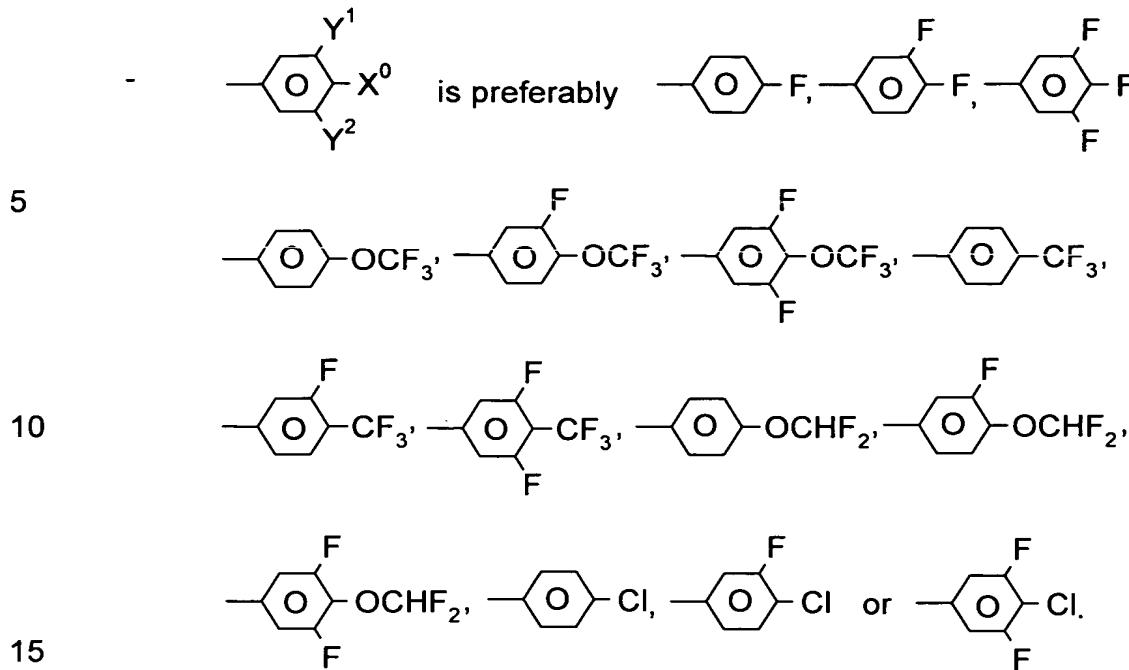
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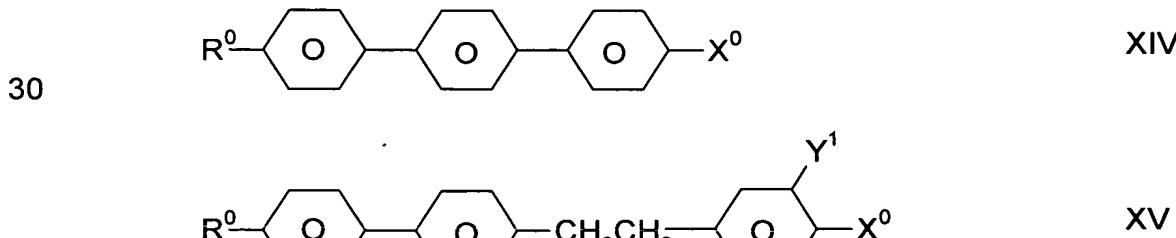
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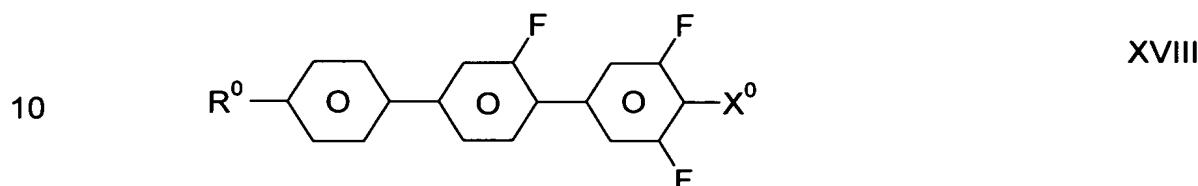
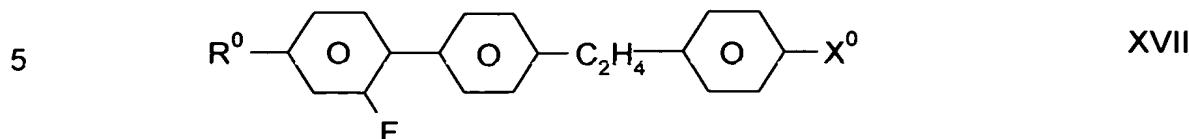
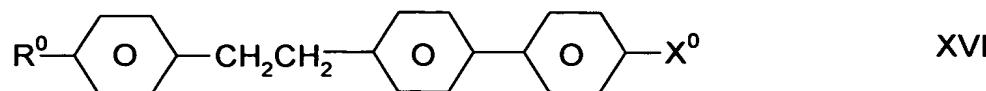
in which  $R^0$  is as defined in Claim 3;

- The proportion of the compounds of the formulae E-a to E-d is preferably 10-30% by weight, in particular 15-25% by weight;
- The proportion of compounds of the formulae I to VI together in the mixture as a whole is at least 50% by weight;
- The proportion of compounds of the formula I in the mixture as a whole is from 0.5 to 40% by weight, particularly preferably from 1 to 30% by weight;
- The proportion of compounds of the formulae II to VI in the mixture as a whole is from 30 to 80% by weight;



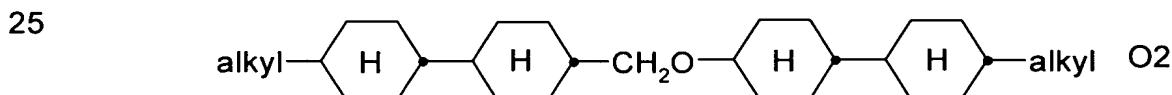
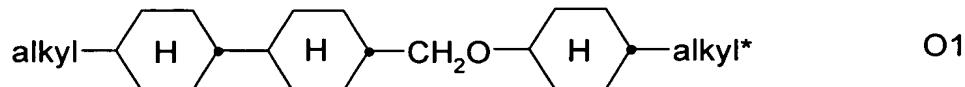
- The medium comprises compounds of the formulae II, III, IV, V and/or VI;
- 20 -  $R^0$  is straight-chain alkyl or alkenyl having from 2 to 7 carbon atoms;
- The medium essentially consists of compounds of the formulae I to VI and XIII;
- 25 - The medium comprises further compounds, preferably selected from the following group consisting of the general formulae XIV to XVIII:





15 in which R<sup>0</sup> and X<sup>0</sup> are as defined above. The 1,4-phenylene rings may additionally be substituted by CN, chlorine or fluorine. The 1,4-phenylene rings are preferably monosubstituted or polysubstituted by fluorine atoms.

20 - The medium additionally comprises one, two, three or more, preferably two or three, compounds of the formulae



30 in which "alkyl" and "alkyl\*" are as defined below. The proportion of the compounds of the formulae O1 and/or O2 in the mixtures according to the invention is preferably 5-10% by weight.

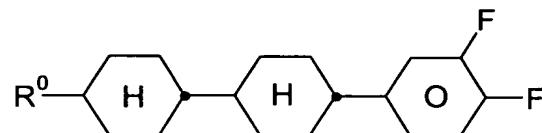
- The medium preferably comprises 5-35% by weight of compound IVa.

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- The medium preferably comprises one, two or three compounds of the formula IVa in which  $X^0$  is F or OCF<sub>3</sub>.
- The medium preferably comprises one or more compounds of the formulae IIa to IIg

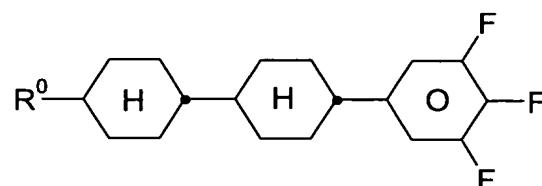
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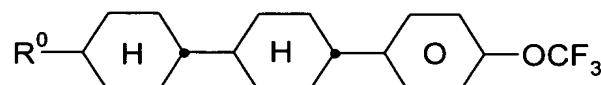
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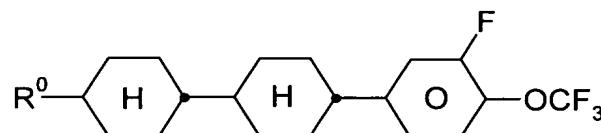
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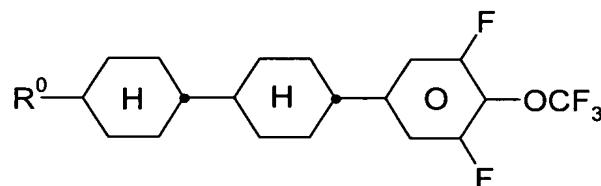
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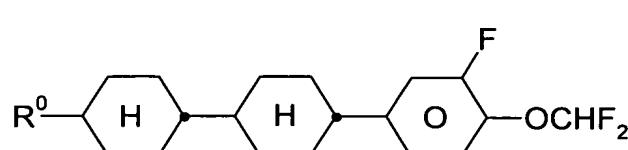
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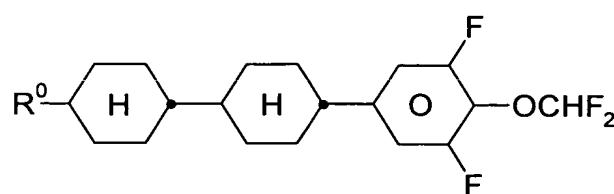
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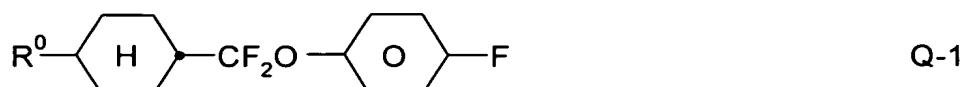


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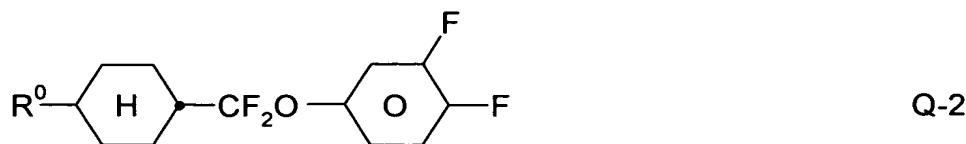
in which R<sup>0</sup> is as defined above. In the compounds of the formulae IIa-IIg, R<sup>0</sup> is preferably methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, n-butyl or n-pentyl.

5     - The medium preferably comprises one or more bicyclic and/or tricyclic compounds having a CF<sub>2</sub>O bridge of the formulae Q-1 to Q-15:

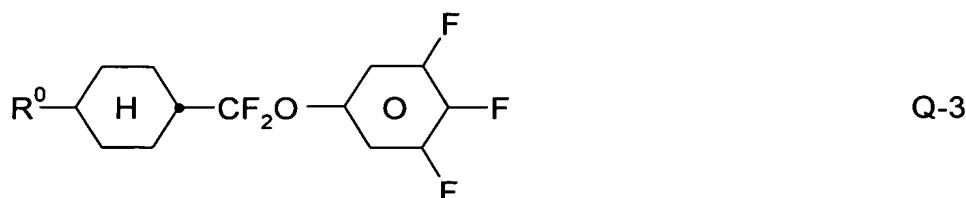
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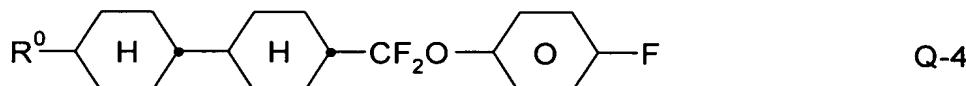
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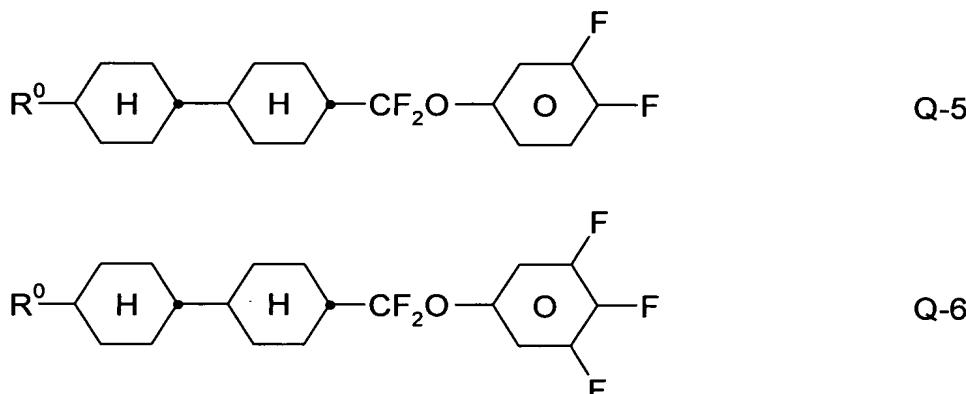
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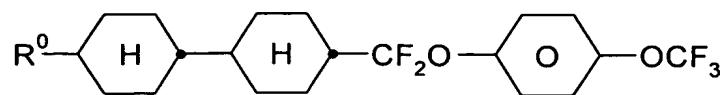
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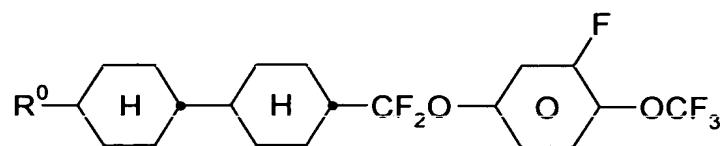


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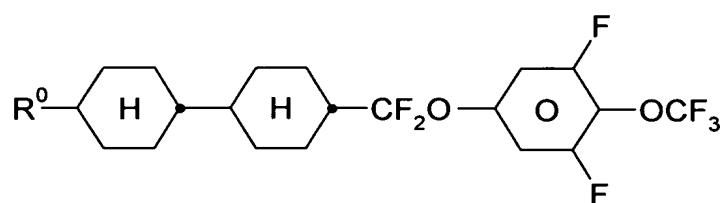
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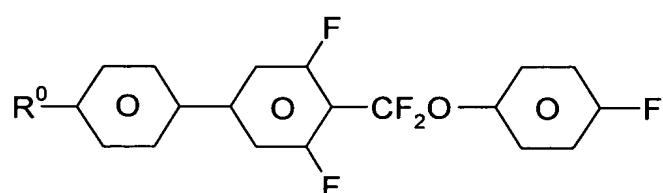
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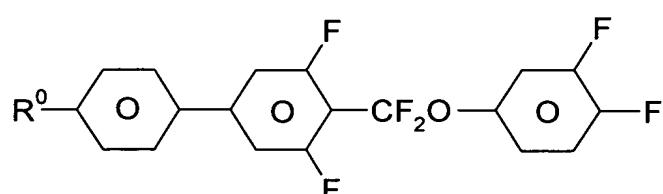
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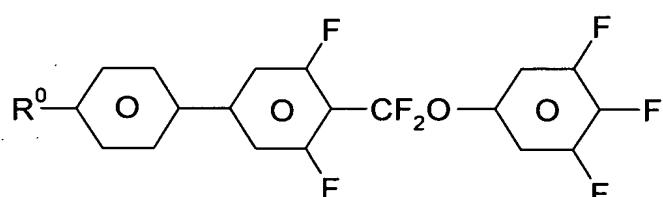
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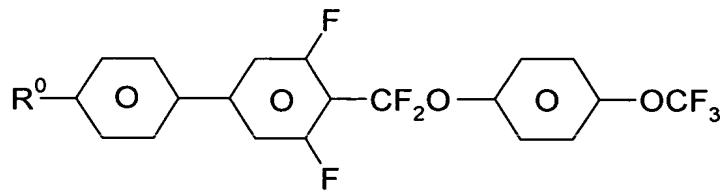
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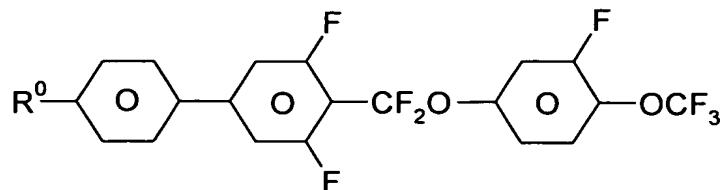
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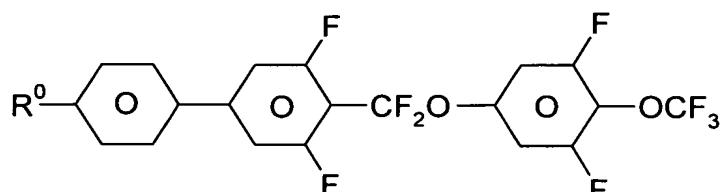


Q-13

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in which  $R^0$  is as defined above.

Particular preference is given to compound Q-12, furthermore Q-6.

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The mixture according to the invention preferably comprises 3-20%, in particular 3-15%, of the compounds of the formulae Q-1 to Q-15.

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- The (I) : (II + III + IV + V + VI) ratio by weight is preferably from 1 : 10 to 10 : 1.

- The medium essentially consists of compounds selected from the group consisting of the general formulae I to XIII.

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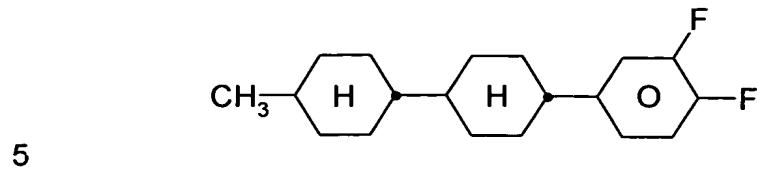
- The proportion of the compounds of the formulae IVb and/or IVc in which  $X^0$  is fluorine and  $R^0$  is  $CH_3$ ,  $C_2H_5$ ,  $n-C_3H_7$ ,  $n-C_4H_9$  or  $n-C_5H_{11}$  in the mixture as a whole is from 2 to 20% by weight, in particular from 2 to 15% by weight.

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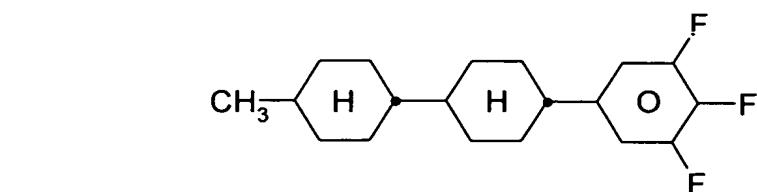
- The medium preferably comprises compounds of the formulae II to VI in which  $R^0$  is methyl.

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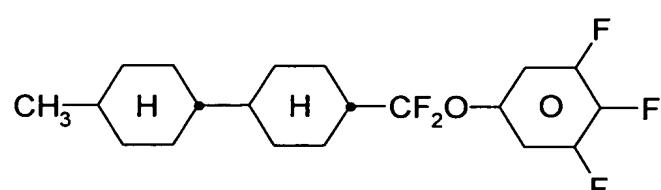
The medium particularly preferably comprises compounds of the formulae



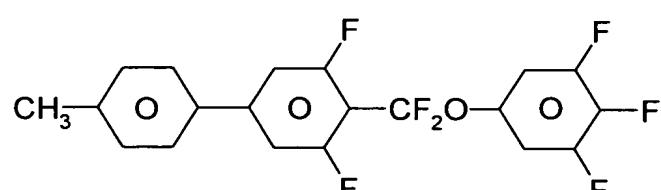
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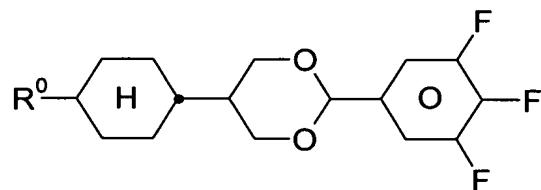
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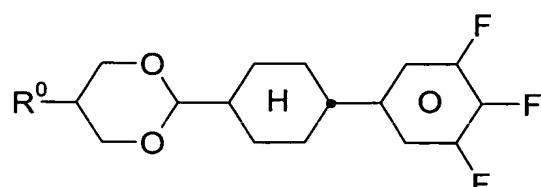
- The medium preferably comprises one, two or more, preferably one or two, dioxane compounds of the formulae

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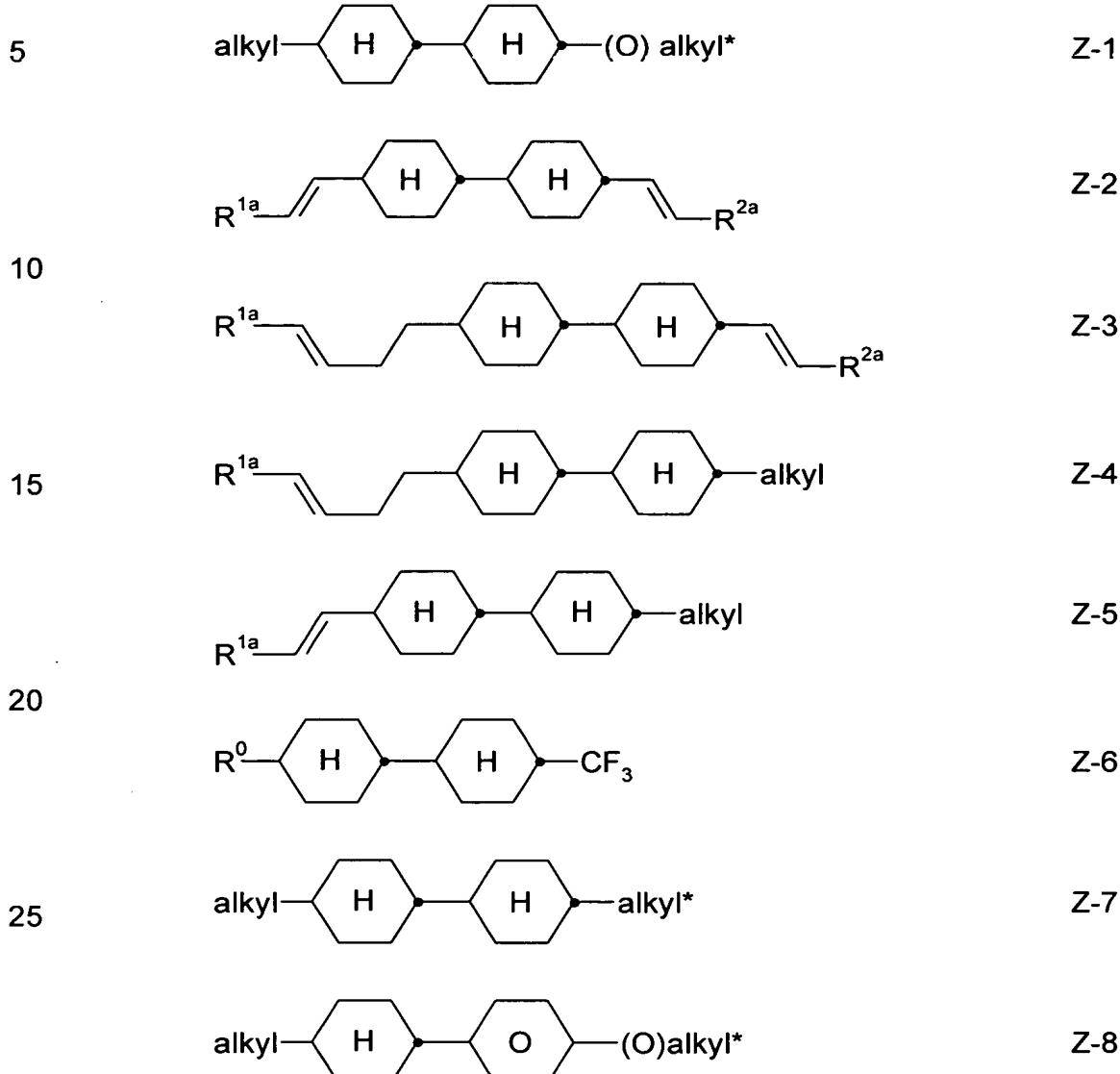
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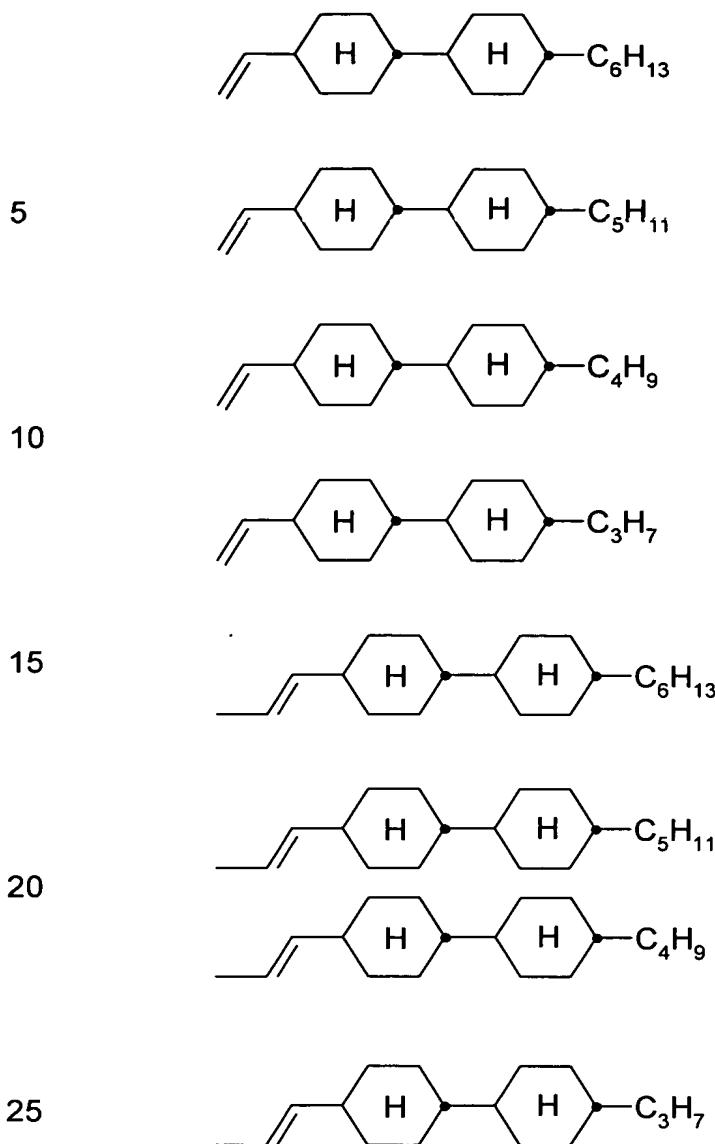
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- The medium additionally comprises one, two or more bicyclic compounds of the formulae Z-1 to Z-8



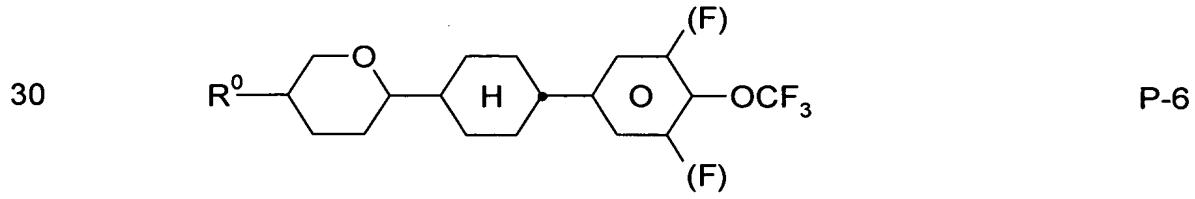
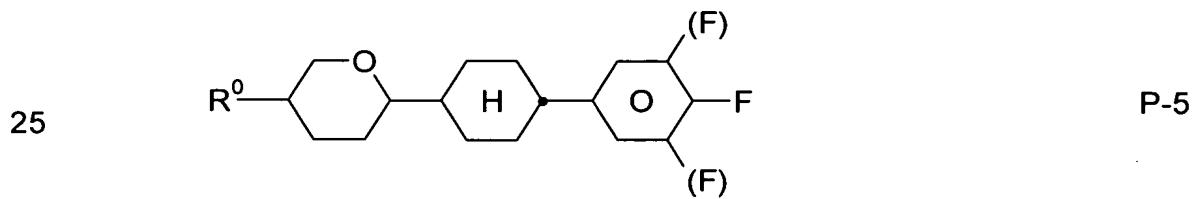
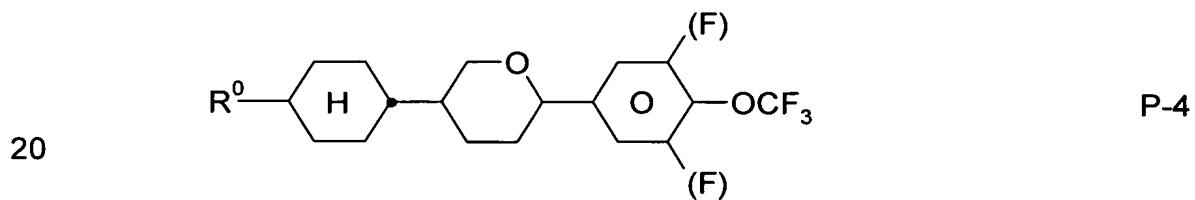
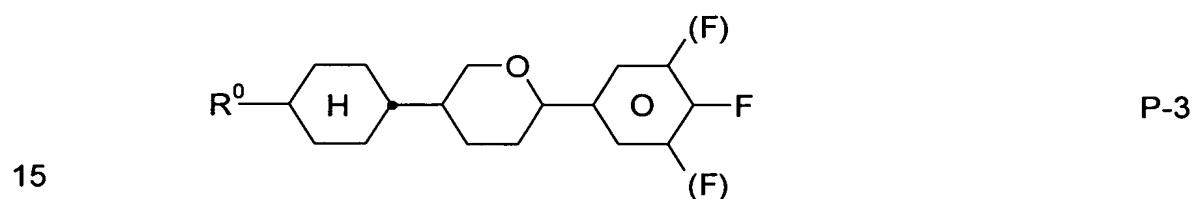
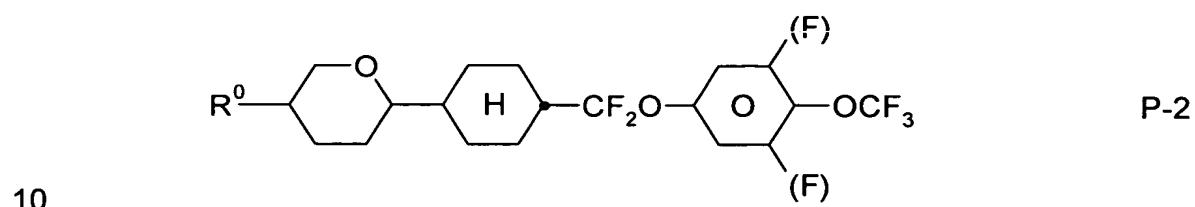
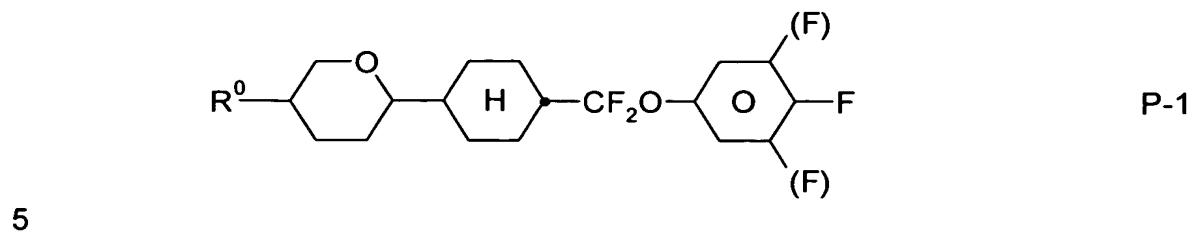
in which R<sup>1a</sup> and R<sup>2a</sup> are each, independently of one another, H, CH<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub> or n-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>. R<sup>0</sup>, alkyl and alkyl\* are as defined in Claim 3 or below.

Particularly preferred compounds of the formula Z-5 are

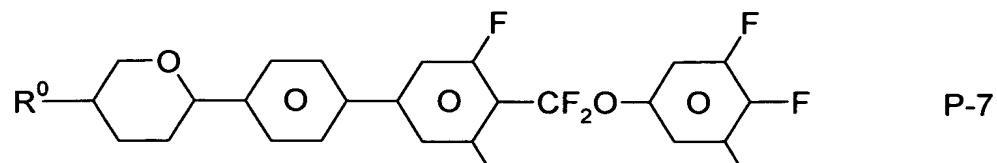


Of the said bicyclic compounds, particular preference is given to compounds Z-1, Z-2, Z-5, Z-6, Z-7 and Z-8. The mixtures according to the invention preferably comprise 5-40%, in particular 5-30%, of compounds of the formulae Z-1 to Z-8.

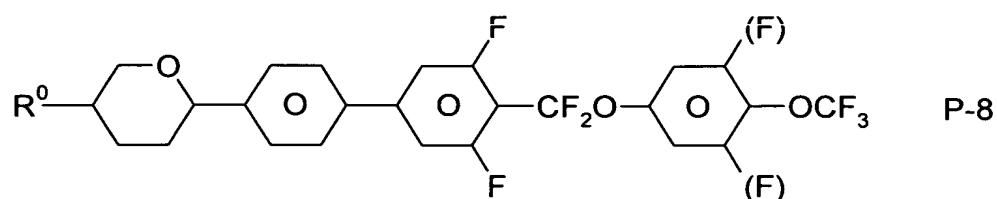
- The medium additionally comprises one or more compounds of the formulae P-1 to P-8



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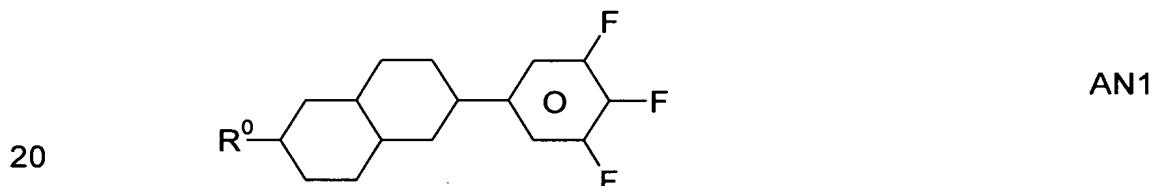
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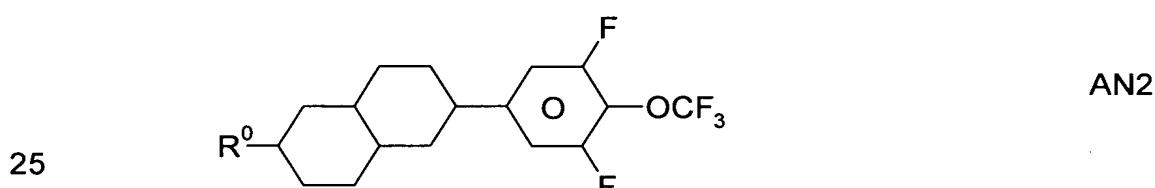
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in which  $R^0$  is as defined above.

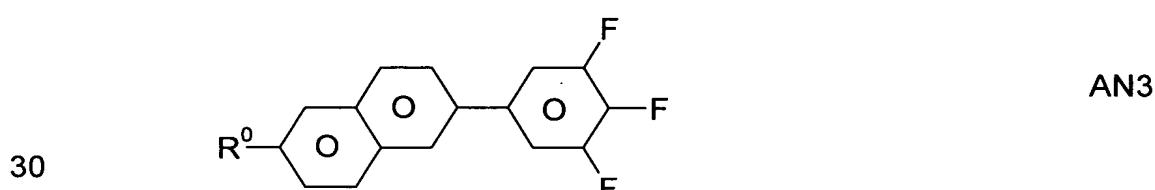
15 - The medium additionally comprises one, two or more compounds having fused rings, of the formulae AN1 to AN11:



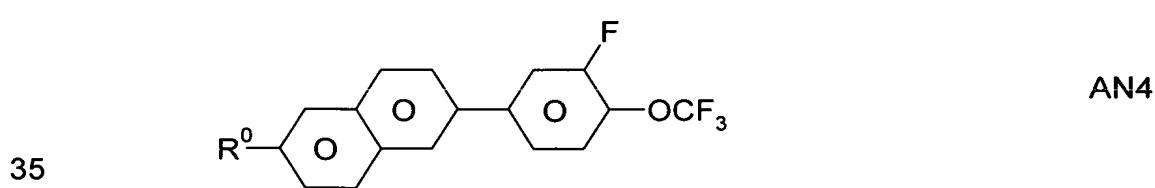
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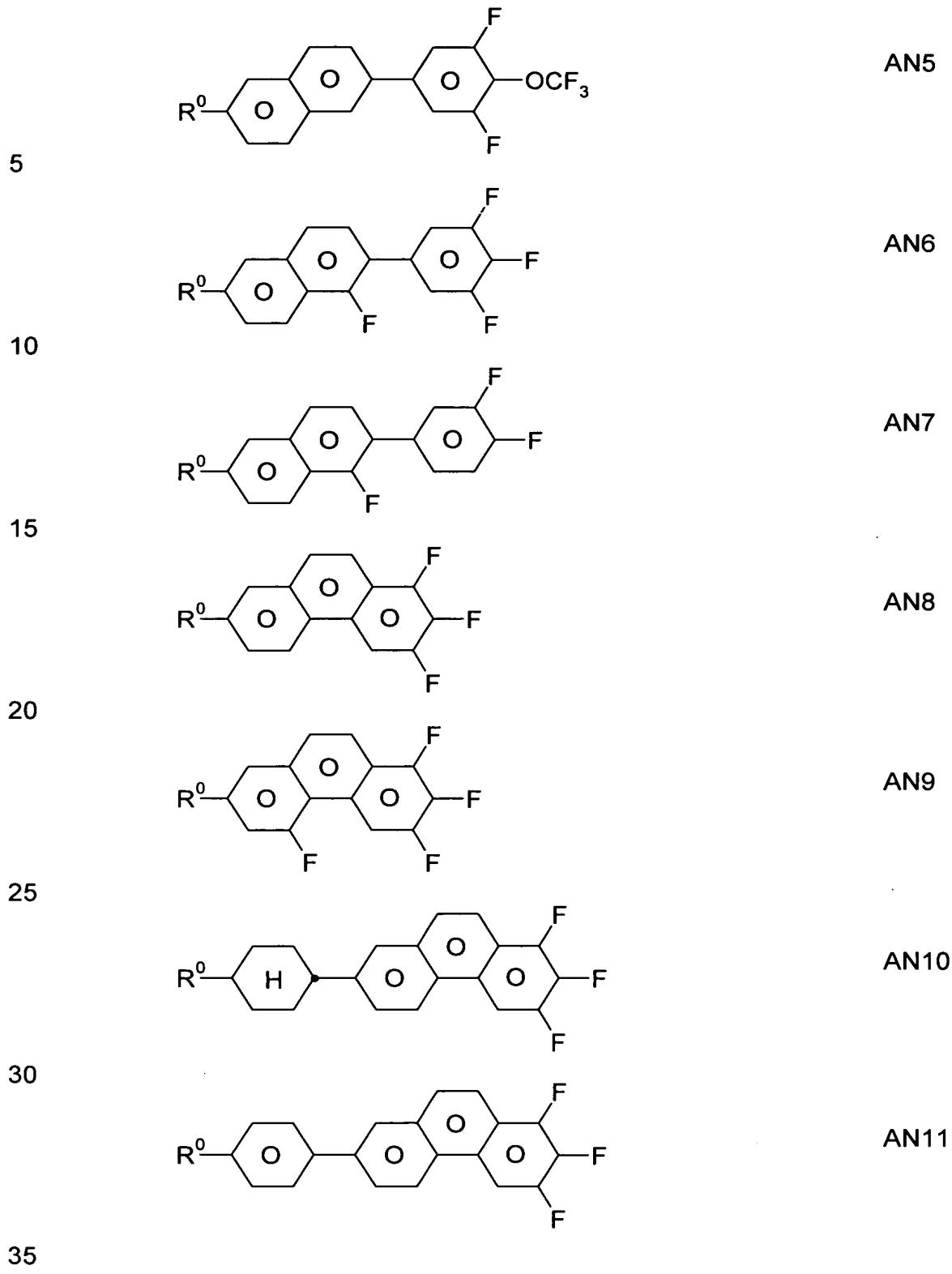
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in which  $R^0$  is as defined above.

It has been found that even a relatively small proportion of compounds of the formula I mixed with conventional liquid-crystal materials, but in particular with one or more compounds of the formulae II, III, IV, V and/or VI, 5 results in a considerable lowering of the threshold voltage and in low birefringence values, with broad nematic phases with low smectic-nematic transition temperatures being observed at the same time, improving the shelf life. Particular preference is given to mixtures which, besides one or more compounds of the formula I, comprise one or more compounds of 10 the formula IV, in particular compounds of the formula IVa in which X<sup>0</sup> is F or OCF<sub>3</sub>. The compounds of the formulae I to VI are colourless, stable and readily miscible with one another and with other liquid-crystal materials.

The term "alkyl" or "alkyl\*" covers straight-chain and branched alkyl groups 15 having 1-7 carbon atoms, in particular the straight-chain groups methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, hexyl and heptyl. Groups having 1-5 carbon atoms are generally preferred.

The term "alkenyl" covers straight-chain and branched alkenyl groups 20 having 2-7 carbon atoms, in particular the straight-chain groups. Preferred alkenyl groups are C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>-1E-alkenyl, C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>-3E-alkenyl, C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>-4-alkenyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>-5-alkenyl and C<sub>7</sub>-6-alkenyl, in particular C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>-1E-alkenyl, C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>-3E-alkenyl and C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>-4-alkenyl. Examples of particularly preferred alkenyl 25 groups are vinyl, 1E-propenyl, 1E-butenyl, 1E-pentenyl, 1E-hexenyl, 1E-heptenyl, 3-butenyl, 3E-pentenyl, 3E-hexenyl, 3E-heptenyl, 4-pentenyl, 4Z-hexenyl, 4E-hexenyl, 4Z-heptenyl, 5-hexenyl, 6-heptenyl and the like. Groups having up to 5 carbon atoms are generally preferred.

The term "fluoroalkyl" preferably covers straight-chain groups having a 30 terminal fluorine, i.e. fluoromethyl, 2-fluoroethyl, 3-fluoropropyl, 4-fluorobutyl, 5-fluoropentyl, 6-fluorohexyl and 7-fluoroheptyl. However, other positions of the fluorine are not excluded.

The term "oxaalkyl" preferably covers straight-chain radicals of the formula 35 C<sub>n</sub>H<sub>2n+1</sub>-O-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>, in which n and m are each, independently of one another, from 1 to 6. Preferably, n = 1 and m is from 1 to 6.

Through a suitable choice of the meanings of  $R^0$  and  $X^0$ , the addressing times, the threshold voltage, the steepness of the transmission characteristic lines, etc., can be modified in the desired manner. For example, 1E-alkenyl radicals, 3E-alkenyl radicals, 2E-alkenyloxy radicals and the like generally result in shorter addressing times, improved nematic tendencies and a higher ratio of the elastic constants  $k_{33}$  (bend) and  $k_{11}$  (splay) compared with alkyl or alkoxy radicals. 4-Alkenyl radicals, 3-alkenyl radicals and the like generally give lower threshold voltages and smaller values of  $k_{33}/k_{11}$  compared with alkyl and alkoxy radicals.

A  $-CH_2CH_2-$  group generally results in higher values of  $k_{33}/k_{11}$  compared with a single covalent bond. Higher values of  $k_{33}/k_{11}$  facilitate, for example, flatter transmission characteristic lines in TN cells with a 90° twist (in order to achieve grey shades) and steeper transmission characteristic lines in STN, SBE and OMI cells (greater multiplexability), and vice versa.

The optimum mixing ratio of the compounds of the formulae I and II + III + IV + V + VI depends substantially on the desired properties, on the choice of the components of the formulae I, II, III, IV, V and/or VI, and on the choice of any other components that may be present.

Suitable mixing ratios within the range given above can easily be determined from case to case.

The total amount of compounds of the formulae I to XIII in the mixtures according to the invention is not crucial. The mixtures can therefore comprise one or more further components for the purposes of optimisation of various properties. However, the observed effect on the addressing times and the threshold voltage is generally greater, the higher the total concentration of compounds of the formulae I to XIII.

In a particularly preferred embodiment, the media according to the invention comprise compounds of the formulae II to VI (preferably II, III and/or IV, in particular IVa) in which  $X^0$  is F,  $OCF_3$ ,  $OCHF_2$ ,  $OCH=CF_2$ ,  $OCF=CF_2$  or  $OCF_2-CF_2H$ . A favourable synergistic effect with the compounds of the formula I results in particularly advantageous properties. In

particular, mixtures comprising compounds of the formula I and of the formula IVa are distinguished by their low threshold voltages.

5       The individual compounds of the formulae I to XVIII and their sub-formulae which can be used in the media according to the invention are either known or can be prepared analogously to the known compounds.

10      The construction of the MLC display according to the invention from polarisers, electrode base plates and surface-treated electrodes corresponds to the conventional construction for displays of this type. The term "conventional construction" is broadly drawn here and also covers all derivatives and modifications of the MLC display, in particular including matrix display elements based on poly-Si TFT or MIM.

15      However, a significant difference between the displays according to the invention and the hitherto conventional displays based on the twisted nematic cell consists in the choice of the liquid-crystal parameters of the liquid-crystal layer.

20      The liquid-crystal mixtures which can be used in accordance with the invention are prepared in a manner conventional per se. In general, the desired amount of the components used in the lesser amount is dissolved in the components making up the principal constituent, advantageously at elevated temperature. It is also possible to mix solutions of the components in an organic solvent, for example in acetone, chloroform or methanol, and to remove the solvent again, for example by distillation, after thorough mixing.

25      The dielectrics may also comprise further additives known to the person skilled in the art and described in the literature. For example, 0-15% of pleochroic dyes, UV stabilisers, antioxidants or chiral dopants can be added. Suitable dopants and stabilisers are listed in Tables C and D.

30      C denotes a crystalline phase, S a smectic phase, Sc a smectic C phase, N a nematic phase and I the isotropic phase.

V<sub>10</sub> denotes the voltage for 10% transmission (viewing angle perpendicular to the plate surface). t<sub>on</sub> denotes the switch-on time and t<sub>off</sub> the switch-off time at an operating voltage corresponding to 2.0 times the value of V<sub>10</sub>. Δn denotes the optical anisotropy. Δε denotes the dielectric anisotropy (Δε = ε<sub>||</sub> - ε<sub>⊥</sub>, where ε<sub>||</sub> denotes the dielectric constant parallel to the longitudinal molecular axes and ε<sub>⊥</sub> denotes the dielectric constant perpendicular thereto). The electro-optical data are measured in a TN cell at the 1st minimum (i.e. at a d · Δn value of 0.5 μm) at 20°C, unless expressly stated otherwise. The optical data are measured at 20°C, unless expressly stated otherwise.

In the present application and in the examples below, the structures of the liquid-crystal compounds are indicated by means of acronyms, the transformation into chemical formulae taking place in accordance with Tables A and B below. All radicals C<sub>n</sub>H<sub>2n+1</sub> and C<sub>m</sub>H<sub>2m+1</sub> are straight-chain alkyl radicals having n and m carbon atoms respectively; n and m are integers and are preferably 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12. The coding in Table B is self-evident. In Table A, only the acronym for the parent structure is indicated. In individual cases, the acronym for the parent structure is followed, separated by a dash, by a code for the substituents R<sup>1\*</sup>, R<sup>2\*</sup>, L<sup>1\*</sup> and L<sup>2\*</sup>:

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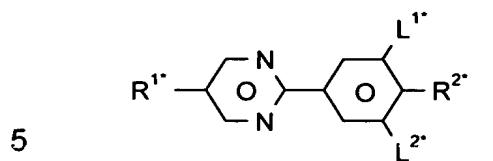
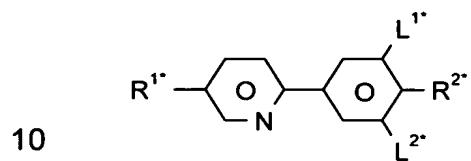
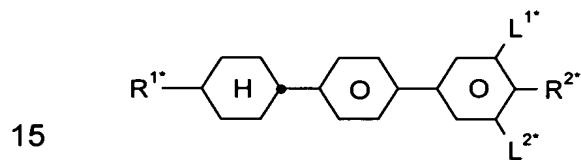
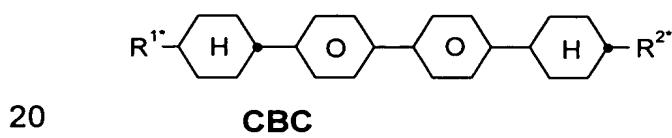
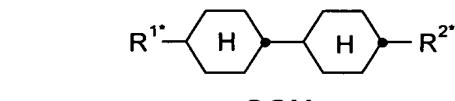
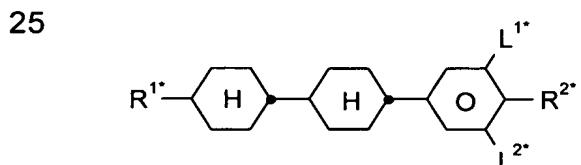
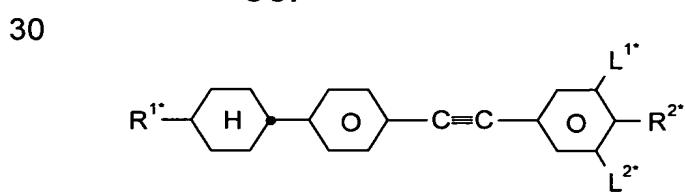
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5	nm	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n+1</sub>	C <sub>m</sub> H <sub>2m+1</sub>	H H
	nOm	OC <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n+1</sub>	C <sub>m</sub> H <sub>2m+1</sub>	H H
	nO.m	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n+1</sub>	OC <sub>m</sub> H <sub>2m+1</sub>	H H
	n	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n+1</sub>	CN	H H
	nN.F	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n+1</sub>	CN	F H
10	nN.F.F	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n+1</sub>	CN	F F
	nF	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n+1</sub>	F	H H
	nCl	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n+1</sub>	Cl	H H
	nOF	OC <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n+1</sub>	F	H H
	nF.F	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n+1</sub>	F	F H
15	nF.F.F	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n+1</sub>	F	F F
	nmF	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n+1</sub>	C <sub>m</sub> H <sub>2m+1</sub>	F H
	nOCF <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n+1</sub>	OCF <sub>3</sub>	H H
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	n-Vm	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n+1</sub>	-CH=CH-C <sub>m</sub> H <sub>2m+1</sub>	H H
20	nV-Vm	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n+1</sub> -CH=CH-	-CH=CH-C <sub>m</sub> H <sub>2m+1</sub>	H H

Preferred mixture components are given in Tables A and B.

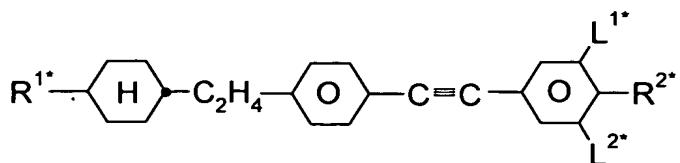
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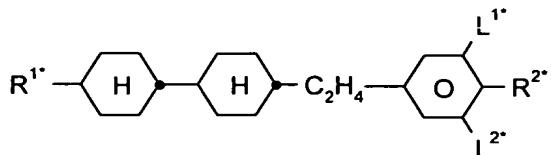
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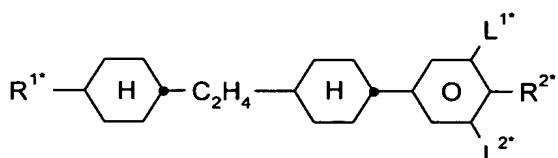
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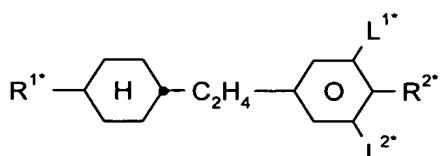
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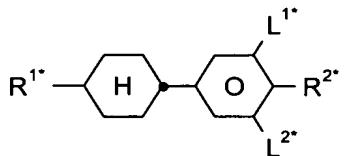
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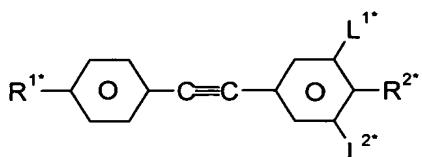
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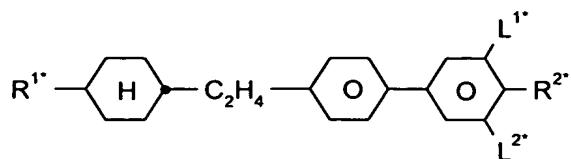
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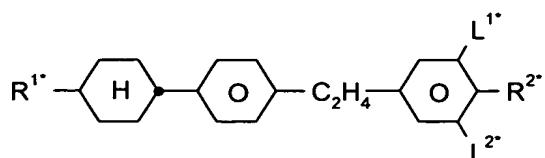
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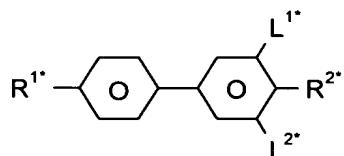
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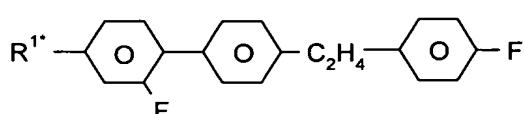
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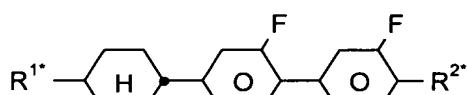
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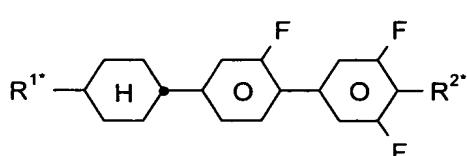
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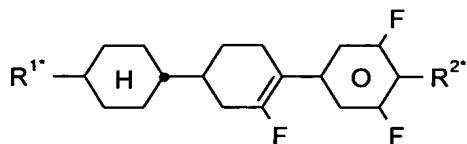
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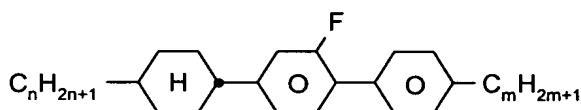
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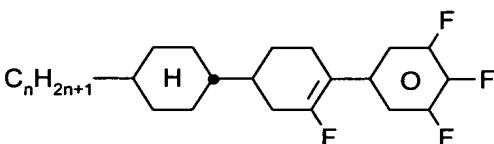
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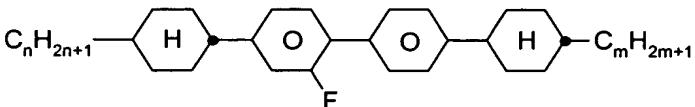
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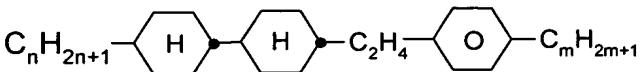
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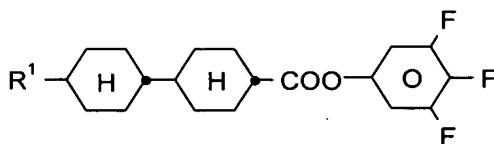
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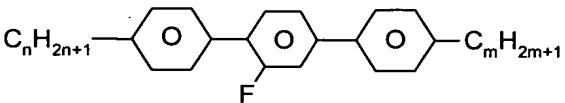
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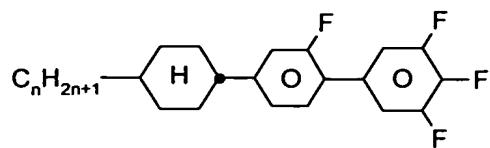
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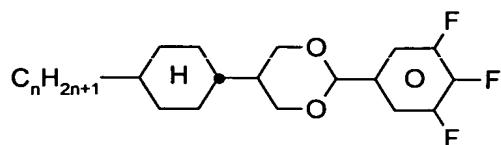
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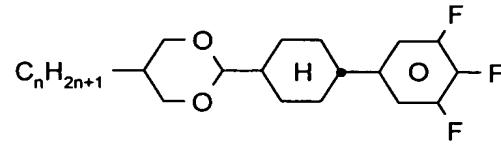
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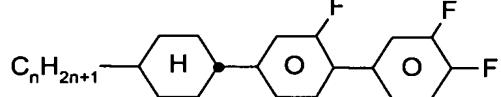
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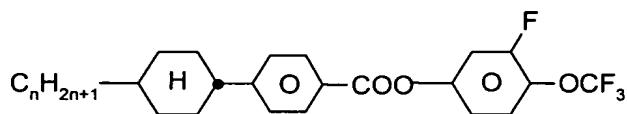
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**DCU-n-F**

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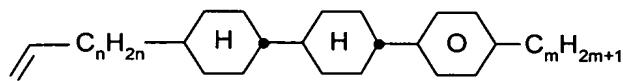
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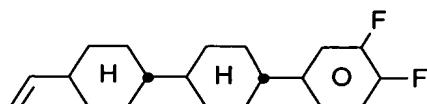
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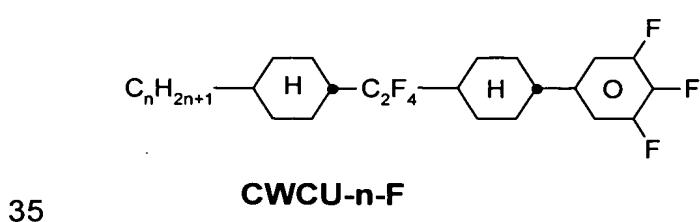
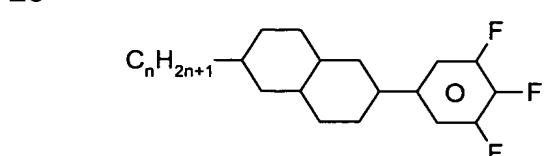
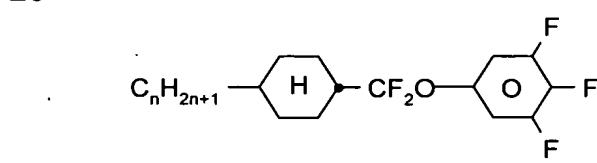
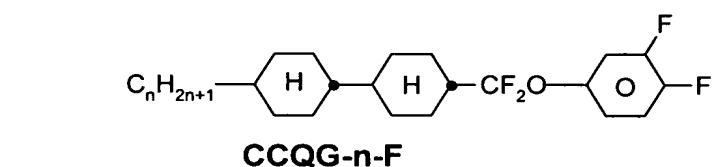
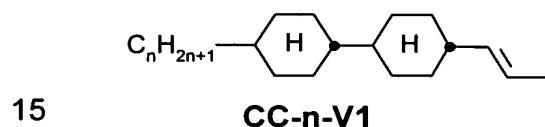
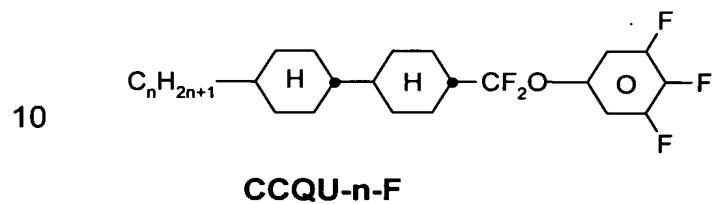
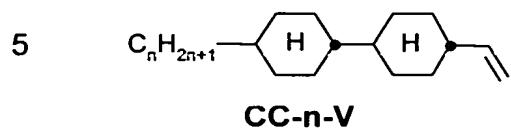
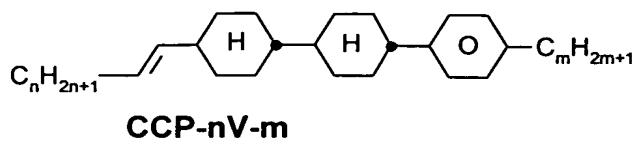
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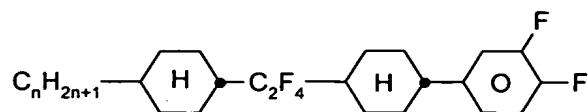
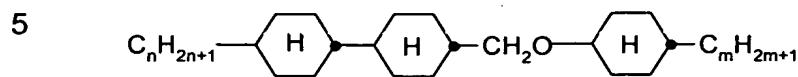
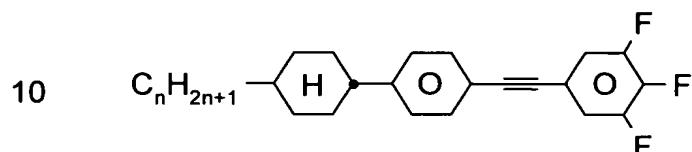
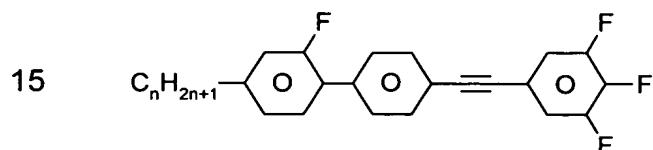
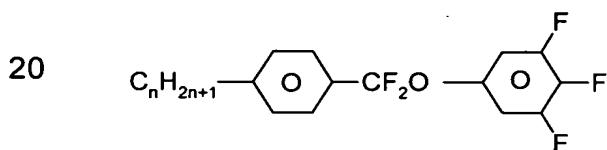
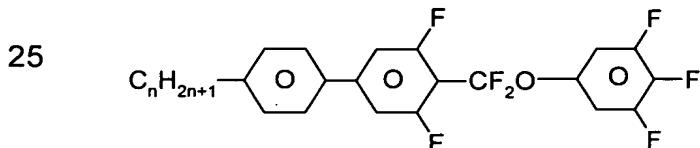
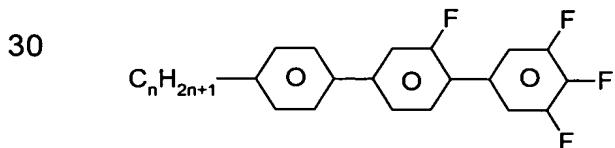
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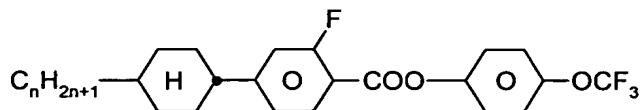
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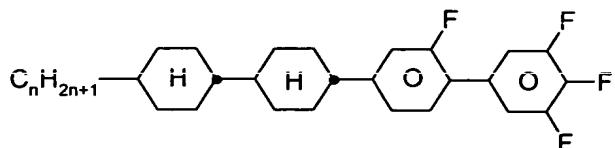
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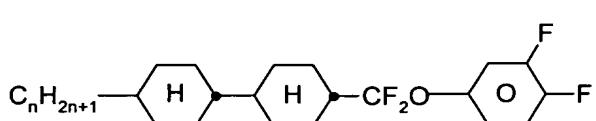
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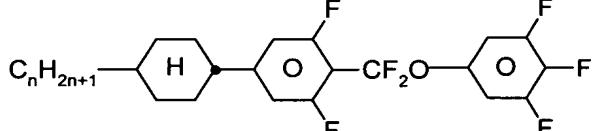
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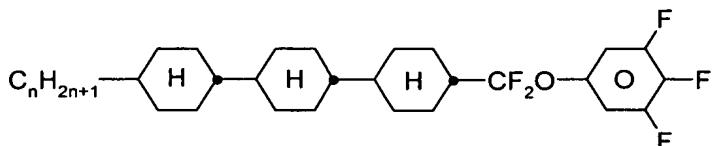
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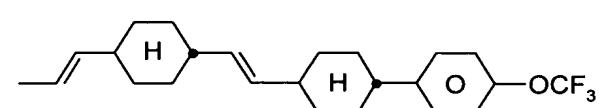
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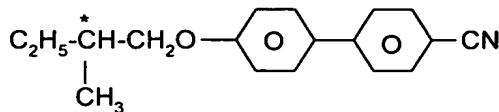
Particular preference is given to liquid-crystalline mixtures which, besides the compounds of the formula I, comprise at least one, two, three or four compounds from Table B.

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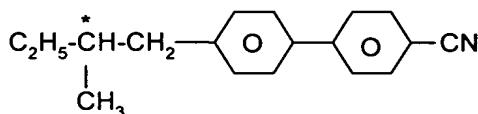
**Table C**

Table C shows possible dopants which are generally added to the mixtures according to the invention in a concentration of from 0.1 to 10% by weight, in particular from 0.1 to 6% by weight:

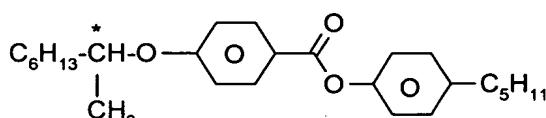
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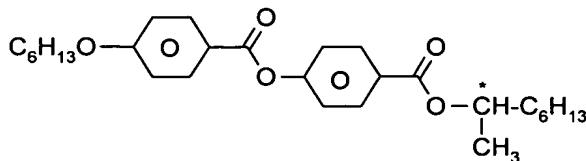
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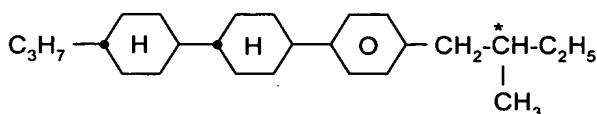
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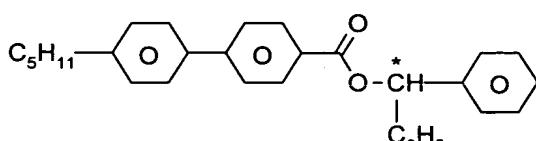
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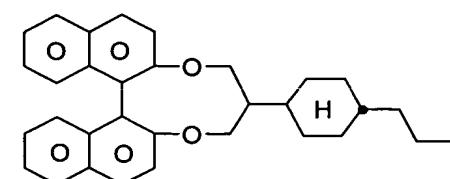
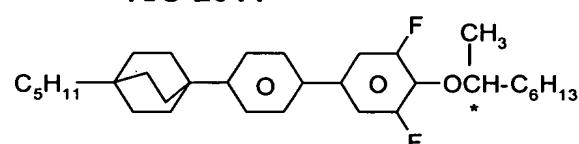
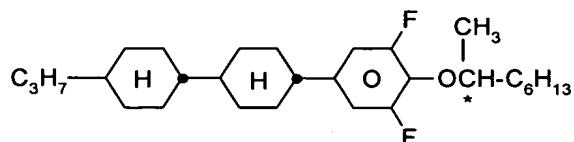
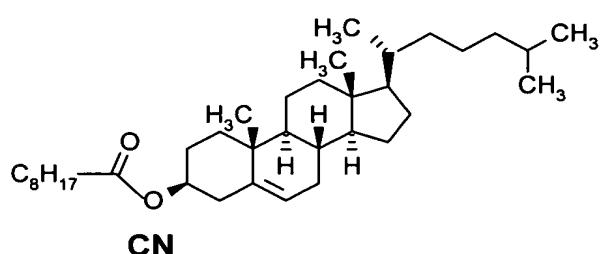
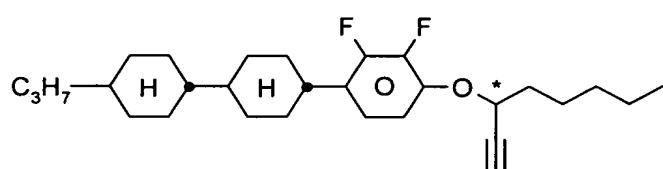
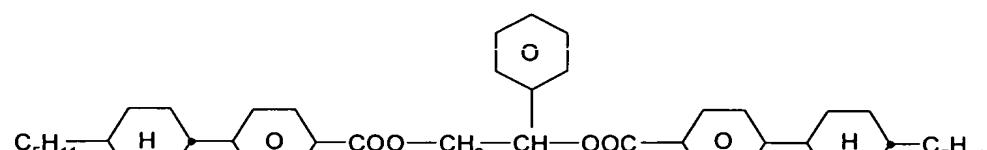
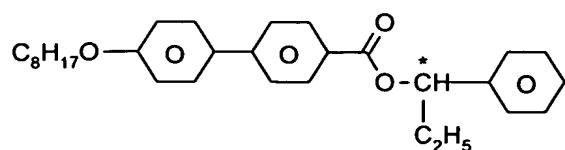
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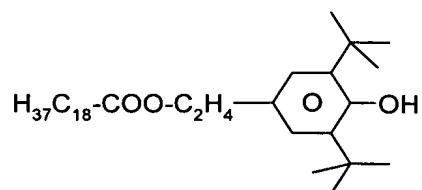
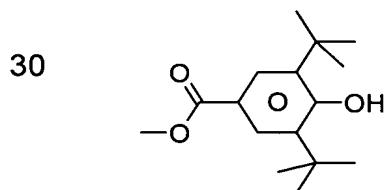
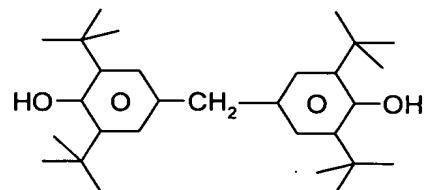
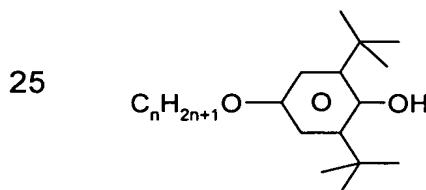
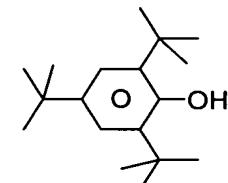
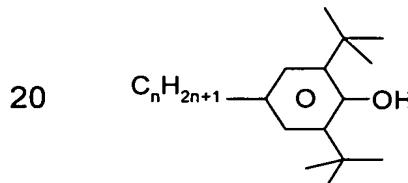
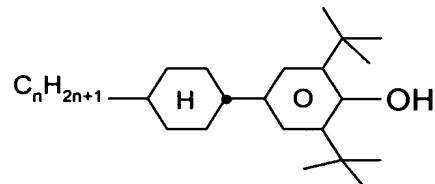
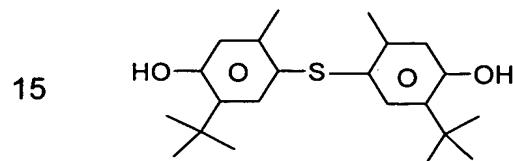
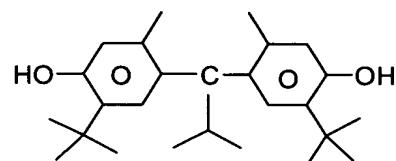
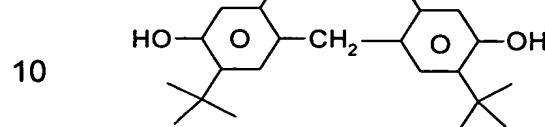
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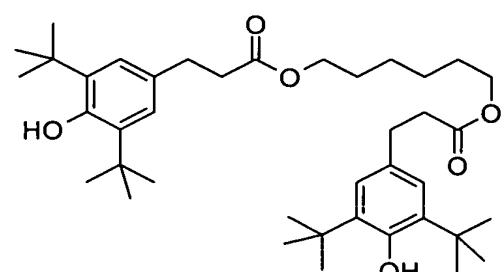
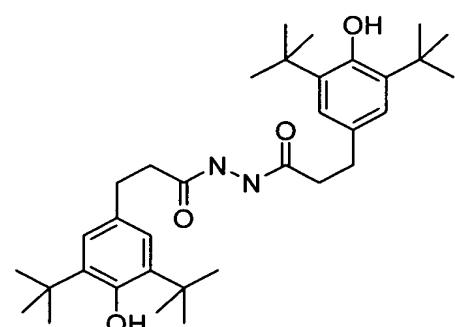
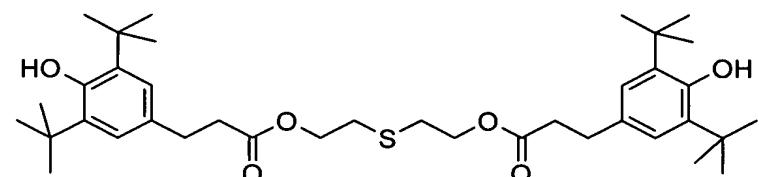
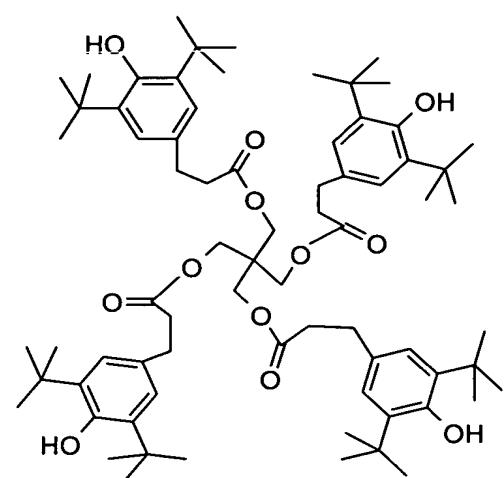
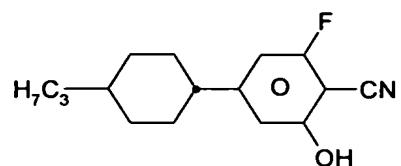
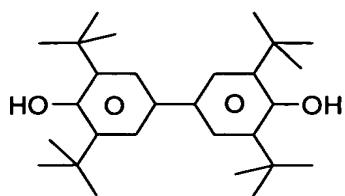
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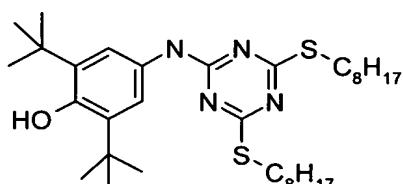
5 Stabilisers which can be added, for example, to the mixtures according to the invention up to a maximum of 10% by weight, preferably 0.001-8% by weight, in particular 0.05-5% by weight, are shown below:



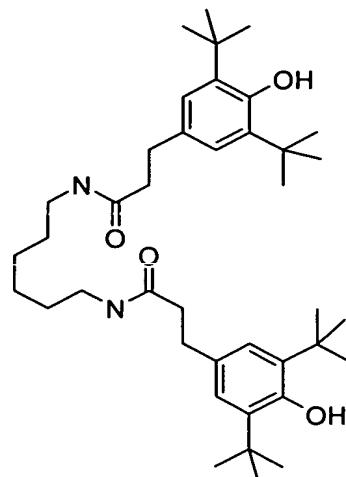


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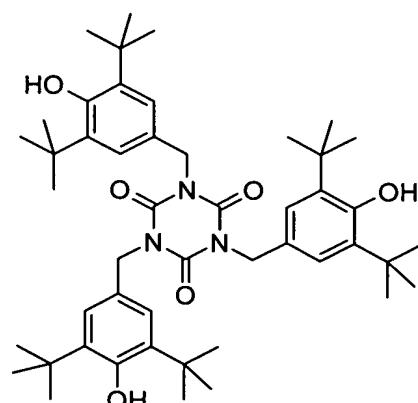
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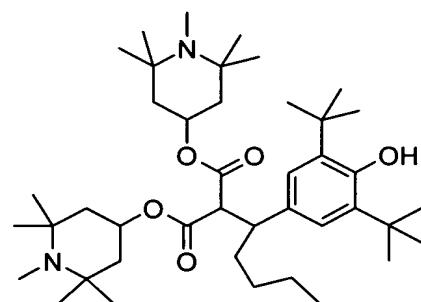
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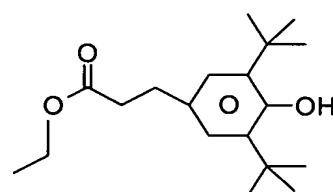
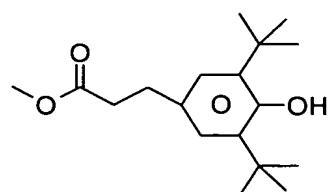
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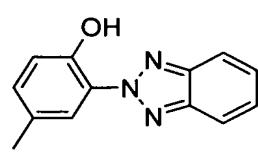
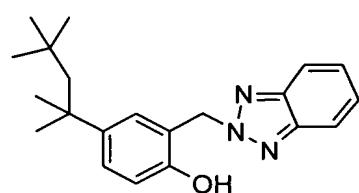
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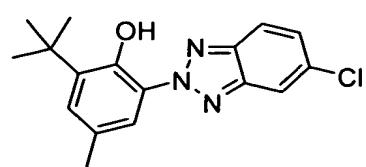
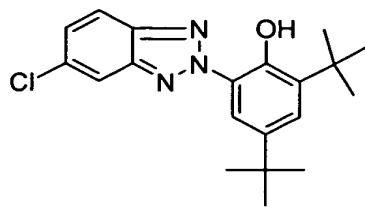
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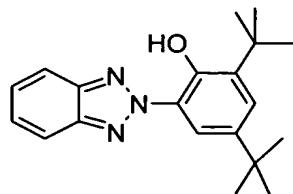
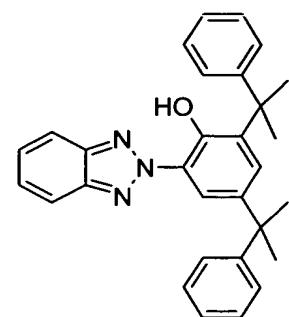
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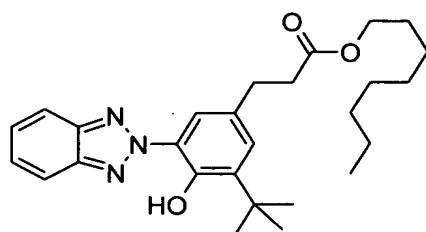
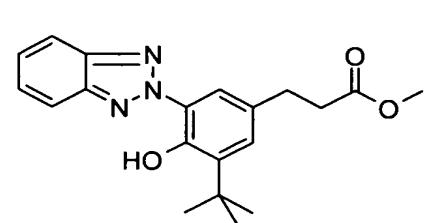
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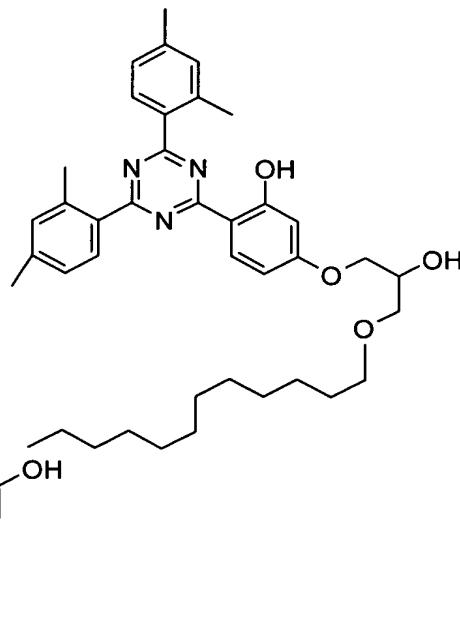


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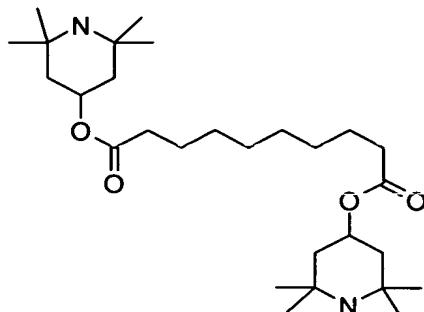
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The following examples are intended to explain the invention without restricting it. Above and below, percentages are per cent by weight. All temperatures are given in degrees Celsius. m.p. denotes melting point, cl.p. = clearing point. Furthermore, C = crystalline state, N = nematic phase, S = smectic phase and I = isotropic phase. The data between these symbols represent the transition temperatures.  $\Delta n$  denotes optical anisotropy (589 nm, 20°C). The flow viscosity  $\nu_{20}$  ( $\text{mm}^2/\text{sec}$ ) and the rotational viscosity  $\gamma_1$  ( $\text{mPa}\cdot\text{s}$ ) were each determined at 20°C.

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### Example M1

	PGU-2-F	8.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	79.0
	PGU-3-F	6.50%	$\Delta n$ [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.0938
	CC-3-V1	11.00%	$\gamma_1$ [ $\text{mPa}\cdot\text{s}$ , 20°C]:	62
25	PCH-302	9.00%	$V_{10}$ [V]:	1.79
	CCZU-3-F	14.00%		
	CCP-V-1	7.00%		
	CC-4-V	18.00%		
	CVCP-1V-OT	14.00%		
30	CC-5-V	8.00%		
	CQG-3-F	4.50%		

### Example M2

35	PGU-2-F	8.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	79.5
	PGU-3-F	4.00%	$\Delta n$ [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.0947

	CC-3-V1	11.00%	$\gamma_1$ [mPa·s, 20°C]:	64
	PCH-302	7.50%	$V_{10}$ [V]:	1.82
	CCZU-3-F	11.50%		
	CCP-V-1	10.00%		
5	CC-4-V	18.00%		
	CVCP-1V-OT	14.00%		
	CC-5-V	8.00%		
	PCH-3CI	8.00%		

10    Example M3

	PGU-2-F	8.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	79.5
	PGU-3-F	7.00%	$\Delta n$ [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.0939
	CC-3-V1	11.00%	$\gamma_1$ [mPa·s, 20°C]:	67
15	CCZU-3-F	14.00%	$V_{10}$ [V]:	1.77
	CCP-V-1	13.50%		
	CC-4-V	18.00%		
	CVCP-1V-OT	12.00%		
	CC-5-V	6.00%		
20	PCH-7F	5.00%		
	CQU-4-F	5.50%		

Example M4

25	PGU-2-F	8.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	79.0
	PGU-3-F	7.00%	$\Delta n$ [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.0937
	CCP-30CF <sub>3</sub>	0.50%	$\gamma_1$ [mPa·s, 20°C]:	66
	CC-3-V1	11.00%	$V_{10}$ [V]:	1.78
	PCH-302	6.00%		
30	CCZU-3-F	14.00%		
	CCP-V-1	9.50%		
	CC-4-V	18.00%		
	CVCP-1V-OT	12.50%		
	CC-5-V	8.00%		
35	CQU-4-F	5.50%		

Example M5

	PGU-2-F	4.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	81.0
	CCP-30CF <sub>3</sub>	8.00%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.0932
5	CC-3-V1	10.00%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	5.3
	CCG-V-F	10.00%	γ <sub>1</sub> [mPa·s, 20°C]:	69
	PCH-301	9.00%	d · Δn [μm, 20°C]:	0.50
	CCP-V-1	15.00%	Twist [°]:	90
	CCP-V2-1	2.00%	V <sub>10</sub> [V]:	1.80
10	CC-4-V	18.00%		
	CVCP-1V-OT	10.00%		
	PUQU-2-F	6.00%		
	PUQU-3-F	8.00%		

Example M6

	PGU-2-F	4.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	79.0
	CCP-30CF <sub>3</sub>	7.00%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.0938
	CCZU-3-F	4.00%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	5.4
20	CC-3-V1	10.00%	γ <sub>1</sub> [mPa·s, 20°C]:	69
	PCH-301	11.00%	d · Δn [μm, 20°C]:	0.50
	PCH-302	2.00%	Twist [°]:	90
	CCP-V-1	15.00%	V <sub>10</sub> [V]:	1.77
	CC-4-V	18.00%		
25	CVCP-1V-OT	15.00%		
	PUQU-2-F	6.00%		
	PUQU-3-F	8.00%		

Example M7

	PGU-2-F	3.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	79.0
	CCP-30CF <sub>3</sub>	8.00%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.0940
5	CC-3-V1	10.00%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	5.2
	PCH-301	11.00%	γ <sub>1</sub> [mPa·s, 20°C]:	67
	PCH-302	2.00%	d · Δn [μm, 20°C]:	0.50
	CCP-V-1	15.00%	Twist [°]:	90
	CCP-V2-1	2.00%	V <sub>10</sub> [V]:	1.80
10	CC-4-V	18.00%		
	CVCP-1V-OT	15.00%		
	PUQU-1-F	8.00%		
	PUQU-2-F	6.00%		
	PUQU-3-F	2.00%		

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Example M8

	CCP-20CF <sub>3</sub>	2.50%
	CCP-30CF <sub>3</sub>	4.00%
20	CVCP-1V-OT	11.00%
	CDU-2-F	9.00%
	CDU-3-F	9.00%
	CDU-5-F	5.50%
	CCZU-2-F	4.00%
25	CCZU-3-F	13.50%
	PUQU-2-F	4.00%
	PUQU-3-F	6.00%
	CC-3-V1	12.50%
	CC-5-V	10.00%
30	CCH-35	5.00%
	CCH-501	4.00%

Example M9

	PGU-2-F	8.00%	S-N [°C]:	< -40.0
	PGU-3-F	6.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	81.0
5	CC-3-V1	10.00%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.1044
	CCP-V-1	16.00%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	5.2
	CCG-V-F	10.00%	γ <sub>1</sub> [mPa·s, 20°C]:	72
	PCH-301	12.00%	d · Δn [μm, 20°C]:	0.50
	CC-4-V	18.00%	Twist [°]:	90
10	CVCP-1V-OT	10.00%	V <sub>10</sub> [V]:	1.84
	PUQU-2-F	5.00%		
	PUQU-3-F	2.00%		
	CBC-33	3.00%		

Example M10

	PGU-2-F	6.00%	S-N [°C]:	< -20.0
	CCP-20CF <sub>3</sub>	7.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	82.0
	CCP-30CF <sub>3</sub>	7.00%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.0925
20	CCP-40CF <sub>3</sub>	3.00%		
	CC-3-V1	10.00%		
	CCG-V-F	5.00%		
	PCH-301	10.00%		
	CCP-V-1	16.00%		
25	CC-4-V	18.00%		
	CVCP-1V-OT	8.00%		
	PUQU-2-F	5.00%		
	PUQU-3-F	5.00%		

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Example M11

	PGU-2-F	4.00%	S-N [°C]:	< -40.0
	CCP-30CF <sub>3</sub>	8.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	81.0
5	CC-3-V1	10.00%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.0930
	CCG-V-F	10.00%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	5.0
	PCH-301	10.00%	γ <sub>1</sub> [mPa·s, 20°C]:	67
	CCP-V-1	16.00%	d · Δn [μm, 20°C]:	0.50
	CCP-V2-1	3.00%	Twist [°]:	90
10	CC-4-V	18.00%	V <sub>10</sub> [V]:	1.85
	CVCP-1V-OT	8.00%		
	PUQU-2-F	5.00%		
	PUQU-3-F	8.00%		

15   Example M12

	PGU-2-F	9.50%
	PGU-3-F	9.50%
	PGU-5-F	2.00%
20	CDU-2-F	3.00%
	CCZU-3-F	14.50%
	CVCP-1V-OT	10.00%
	CCP-V-1	5.50%
	CC-4-V	12.00%
25	CC-5-V	7.00%
	CC-3-V1	13.00%
	PUQU-2-F	6.00%
	PUQU-3-F	8.00%

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Example M13

	PGU-2-F	9.00%
	PGU-3-F	8.00%
5	CCZU-2-F	2.50%
	CCZU-3-F	11.00%
	CGZP-3-OT	8.00%
	CVCP-1V-OT	9.00%
	CCP-V-1	3.00%
10	CC-4-V	12.00%
	CC-5-V	5.00%
	PCH-302	5.00%
	CC-3-V1	13.00%
	PUQU-2-F	6.50%
15	PUQU-3-F	8.00%

Example M14

	PGU-2-F	9.50%
20	PGU-3-F	9.50%
	PGU-5-F	2.50%
	CCZU-2-F	4.00%
	CCZU-3-F	14.00%
	CVCP-1V-OT	11.00%
25	CCP-V-1	3.50%
	CC-3-V	19.00%
	CC-3-V1	13.00%
	PUQU-2-F	6.00%
	PUQU-3-F	8.00%

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Example M15

	PGU-2-F	9.50%
	PGU-3-F	8.00%
5	CCZU-2-F	4.00%
	CCZU-3-F	8.00%
	CGZP-3-OT	8.50%
	CVCP-1V-OT	10.00%
	CCP-V-1	3.00%
10	CC-3-V	20.00%
	CC-5-V	2.50%
	CC-3-V1	12.00%
	PUQU-2-F	6.50%
	PUQU-3-F	8.00%

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Example M16

	PGU-2-F	5.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	82.0
	CCP-20CF <sub>3</sub>	2.00%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.0936
20	CCP-30CF <sub>3</sub>	6.00%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	6.3
	CCZU-3-F	5.00%	γ <sub>1</sub> [mPa·s, 20°C]:	72
	CC-3-V1	10.00%	d · Δn [μm, 20°C]:	0.50
	CCG-V-F	10.00%	Twist [°]:	90
	PCH-301	6.00%	V <sub>10</sub> [V]:	1.67
25	CCP-V-1	14.00%		
	CC-4-V	18.00%		
	CVCP-1V-OT	10.00%		
	PUQU-2-F	6.00%		
	PUQU-3-F	8.00%		

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Example M17

	CVCP-1V-OT	15.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	79.5
	CDU-2-F	10.00%	$\Delta n$ [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.0783
5	CDU-3-F	10.00%	$\Delta \epsilon$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	9.6
	CCZU-2-F	4.00%	$\gamma_1$ [mPa·s, 20°C]:	87
	CCZU-3-F	15.00%		
	CCZU-5-F	3.00%		
	PUQU-2-F	4.50%		
10	PUQU-3-F	5.50%		
	CC-3-V1	13.00%		
	CC-4-V	12.00%		
	CC-5-V	8.00%		

15   Example M18

	PGU-2-F	2.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	80.0
	CCP-30CF <sub>3</sub>	8.00%	$\Delta n$ [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.0930
	CC-3-V1	10.00%	$\Delta \epsilon$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	5.5
20	PCH-301	12.00%	$\gamma_1$ [mPa·s, 20°C]:	69
	CCP-V-1	14.00%	d · $\Delta n$ [ $\mu$ m, 20°C]:	0.50
	CCP-V2-1	2.00%	Twist [°]:	90
	CC-4-V	18.00%	$V_{10}$ [V]:	1.78
	CVCP-1V-OT	17.00%		
25	PUQU-1-F	8.00%		
	PUQU-2-F	6.00%		
	PUQU-3-F	3.00%		

Example M19

	PGU-2-F	3.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	80.0
	CCP-30CF <sub>3</sub>	7.00%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.0938
5	CC-3-V1	10.00%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	5.5
	PCH-301	10.00%	γ <sub>1</sub> [mPa·s, 20°C]:	69
	CCP-V-1	15.00%	d · Δn [μm, 20°C]:	0.50
	CCP-V2-1	5.00%	Twist [°]:	90
	CC-4-V	18.00%	V <sub>10</sub> [V]:	1.77
10	CVCP-3V-OT	15.00%		
	PUQU-1-F	8.00%		
	PUQU-2-F	6.00%		
	PUQU-3-F	3.00%		

15   Example M20

	PGU-2-F	7.00%
	PGU-3-F	6.00%
	CCP-20CF <sub>3</sub>	7.00%
20	CCP-30CF <sub>3</sub>	7.00%
	CC-3-V1	10.00%
	PCH-301	12.00%
	PCH-302	3.00%
	CCZU-3-F	14.00%
25	CCP-V-1	6.00%
	CC-4-V	18.00%
	CVCP-1V-OT	10.00%

Example M21

	PGU-2-F	8.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	81.0
	PGU-3-F	8.00%	$\Delta n$ [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.1029
5	PGU-5-F	3.00%	$\Delta \epsilon$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	4.9
	CC-3-V1	10.00%	$\gamma_1$ [mPa·s, 20°C]:	69
	CCP-V-1	14.00%	$d \cdot \Delta n$ [ $\mu\text{m}$ , 20°C]:	0.50
	CCZU-3-F	3.00%	Twist [°]:	90
	CCP-20CF <sub>3</sub>	7.00%	$V_{10}$ [V]:	1.88
10	CCP-30CF <sub>3</sub>	6.00%		
	PCH-301	13.00%		
	CC-4-V	18.00%		
	CVCP-1V-OT	10.00%		

Example M22

	PGU-2-F	8.00%	S-N [°C]:	< -40.0
	PGU-3-F	8.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	80.0
	PGU-5-F	2.00%	$\Delta n$ [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.1029
20	CC-5-V	16.00%	$\Delta \epsilon$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	5.4
	CC-3-V1	10.00%	$\gamma_1$ [mPa·s, 20°C]:	73
	CCP-V-1	9.00%	$d \cdot \Delta n$ [ $\mu\text{m}$ , 20°C]:	0.50
	CCZU-3-F	8.00%	Twist [°]:	90
	CCP-20CF <sub>3</sub>	7.00%	$V_{10}$ [V]:	1.81
25	CCP-30CF <sub>3</sub>	7.00%		
	PCH-301	10.00%		
	PCH-302	7.00%		
	CVCP-1V-OT	8.00%		

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Example M23

	PGU-2-F	8.00%	S-N [°C]:	< -40.0
	PGU-3-F	6.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	79.0
5	CCP-1F.F.F	2.00%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.0928
	CCP-20CF <sub>3</sub>	7.00%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	6.1
	CCP-30CF <sub>3</sub>	6.00%	γ <sub>1</sub> [mPa·s, 20°C]:	75
	CC-3-V1	10.00%	d · Δn [μm, 20°C]:	0.50
	PCH-301	8.00%	Twist [°]:	90
10	CCZU-2-F	2.00%	V <sub>10</sub> [V]:	1.56
	CCZU-3-F	13.00%		
	CCP-V-1	2.00%		
	CCG-V-F	10.00%		
	CC-4-V	18.00%		
15	CVCP-1V-OT	8.00%		

Example M24

	PGU-2-F	8.00%	S-N [°C]:	< -40.0
20	PGU-3-F	8.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	79.0
	PGU-5-F	4.00%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.1037
	CC-3-V1	10.00%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	5.1
	CCP-V-1	13.00%	γ <sub>1</sub> [mPa·s, 20°C]:	71
	CCG-V-F	10.00%	d · Δn [μm, 20°C]:	0.50
25	CCZU-3-F	3.00%	Twist [°]:	90
	CCP-30CF <sub>3</sub>	7.00%	V <sub>10</sub> [V]:	1.66
	PCH-301	11.00%		
	CC-4-V	18.00%		
	CVCP-1V-OT	8.00%		

Example M25

	PGU-2-F	8.00%	S-N [°C]:	< -40.0
	PGU-3-F	6.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	78.0
5	CCP-2F.F.F	3.00%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.0936
	CCP-20CF <sub>3</sub>	6.00%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	5.6
	CCP-30CF <sub>3</sub>	4.00%	γ <sub>1</sub> [mPa·s, 20°C]:	74
	CC-3-V1	10.00%	d · Δn [μm, 20°C]:	0.50
	PCH-301	10.00%	Twist [°]:	90
10	PCH-302	3.00%	V <sub>10</sub> [V]:	1.68
	CCZU-2-F	2.00%		
	CCZU-3-F	13.00%		
	CCP-V-1	9.00%		
	CC-4-V	18.00%		
15	CVCP-1V-OT	8.00%		

Example M26

	PGU-2-F	6.00%
20	CCP-20CF <sub>3</sub>	7.00%
	CCP-30CF <sub>3</sub>	7.00%
	CCZU-3-F	9.00%
	CC-3-V1	10.00%
	PCH-301	7.00%
25	CCP-V-1	13.00%
	CC-4-V	18.00%
	CVCP-1V-OT	9.00%
	PUQU-2-F	6.00%
	PUQU-3-F	8.00%

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Example M27

	CCP-20CF <sub>3</sub>	2.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	80.0
	CCP-30CF <sub>3</sub>	7.00%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.0921
5	CC-3-V1	10.00%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	6.3
	CC-4-V	18.00%	γ <sub>1</sub> [mPa·s, 20°C]:	71
	PCH-301	6.00%	d · Δn [μm, 20°C]:	0.50
	CCP-V-1	14.00%	Twist [°]:	90
	CCG-V-F	10.00%	V <sub>10</sub> [V]:	1.62
10	PUQU-1-F	8.00%		
	PUQU-2-F	6.00%		
	PUQU-3-F	6.00%		
	CVCP-1V-OT	13.00%		

15   Example M28

	CCP-20CF <sub>3</sub>	3.00%
	CCP-30CF <sub>3</sub>	7.00%
	CC-3-V1	10.00%
20	CC-4-V	18.00%
	PCH-301	3.00%
	CCP-V-1	14.00%
	CCG-V-F	10.00%
	PUQU-1-F	8.00%
25	PUQU-2-F	6.00%
	PUQU-3-F	8.00%
	CVCP-1V-OT	13.00%

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Example M29

	CC-4-V	18.00%	S-N [°C]:	< -20.0
	CC-3-V1	11.00%	Clearing point [°C]:	82.5
5	PCH-302	7.50%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	0.0920
	CCP-20CF <sub>3</sub>	8.00%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	6.8
	CCP-30CF <sub>3</sub>	8.00%	γ <sub>1</sub> [mPa·s, 20°C]:	77
	CVCP-1V-OT	7.00%	d · Δn [μm, 20°C]:	0.50
	CCZU-3-F	13.00%	Twist [°]:	90
10	CCP-3F.F.F	4.50%	V <sub>10</sub> [V]:	1.67
	CCP-V-1	7.00%		
	PGU-2-F	2.50%		
	PGU-3-F	6.00%		
	PUQU-2-F	3.00%		
15	PUQU-3-F	4.50%		

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